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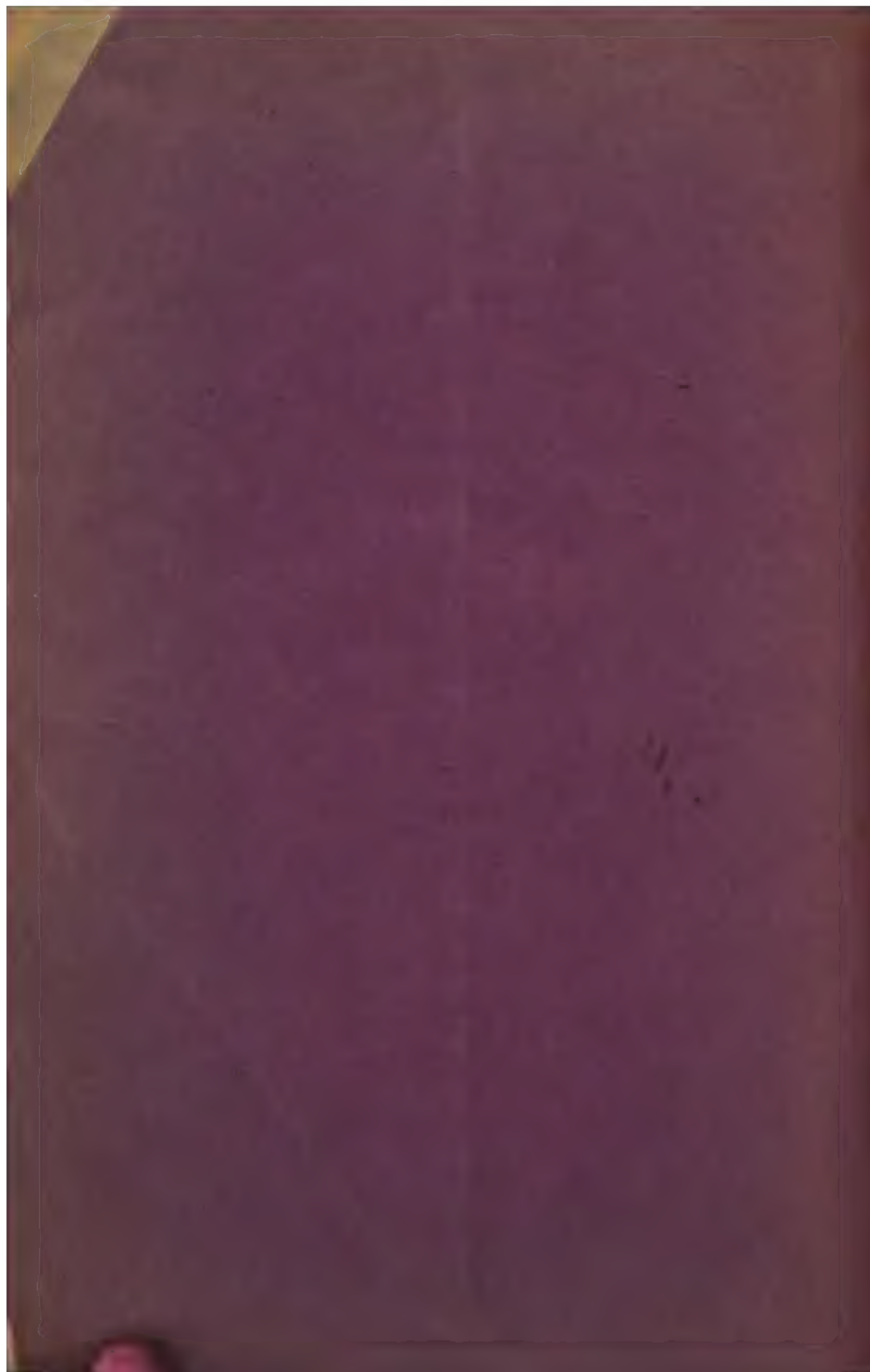
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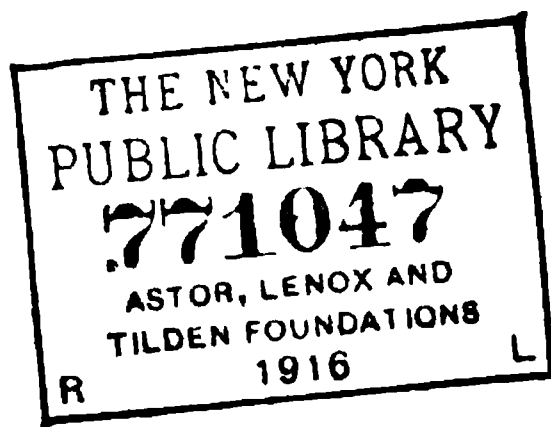
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PRELIMINARY MEETING.

PITTSBURGH, PA., *February 11, 1870.*

PURSUANT to the authority of the GENERAL SYNOD of the REFORMED CHURCH in the United States, the Ministers and Delegated Elders of Clarion, St. Paul's, Westmoreland, and West New York Classes assembled in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, the 11th of February, 1870, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Divine services were conducted by Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., and Rev. D. B. Ernst. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. F. K. Levan, from 1 Samuel vii., 12: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Thereupon, by appointment of the General Synod, Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer; Rev. W. E. Krebs was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The following delegates from the several classes presented their credentials, and took their seats as members of Synod, viz:

FROM CLARION CLASSIS.

Revs. F. Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. J. Pennypacker, and J. F. Wiant.

Elders—George Rearich, Abraham Wiant, John Crick, John Long, Bixler Beighley, and Daniel Davis.

FROM ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Revs. D. B. Ernst, W. M. Landis, W. E. Krebs, E. H. Dietfenbacher, and J. Kretzing.

Elders.—D. S. Dieffenbacher, Martin Sitler, and Bartholomew Siedler.

FROM WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. N. P. Hacke, D. D., A. B. Koplin, H. F. Keener, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley, F. K. Levan, T. F. Stauffer, J. Ruhl, and J. Snyder.

Elders.—Samuel Burkey, Jacob Zundel, jr., S. C. Remsberg, and John Wiegand.

FROM WEST NEW YORK CLASSES.

Rev. Herman Bielfeld :

On motion, Rev. Dr. Hacke was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all Elders from such charges as did not elect delegates directly to this body, and who are members of the several classes constituting this Synod, be admitted to seats.

Thereupon, Elders T. J. Craig and Christian Siebert, from Westmoreland Classis, took their seats.

On motion, the Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; closed with singing, and the benediction.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, *February* 12, 1870.

In the absence of the President *pro tem.*, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was called to the chair, who conducted religious services. The roll was called, and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and approved.

Revs. J. H. Stepler and H. C. Heyser, and Elder H. M. Stitzer, of St. Paul's Classis, and Rev. G. H. Johnston, and Elders W. J. Baer and John Gumbert, of Westmoreland Classis, appeared and took their seats.

Synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization. The following were the officers elected :

Rev. F. K. LEVAN, *President*.

Rev. W. E. KREBS, *State Clerk*.

Rev. J. G. SHOEMAKER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder W. E. SCHMERTZ, *Treasurer*.

The Rules of Order of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States were read, and, on motion, adopted as the Rules of Order for this Synod. The bar of the house was defined by the President.

The presence of Rev. James Grant, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Stuckenberg, of the Lutheran Church, was announced.

Elder Levi Kemp, of Westmoreland Classis, presented his credentials and took his seat. Elder Solomon Diffenderfer, of St. Paul's Classis, was on motion admitted to a seat. Elders Wm. King, of Clarion Classis, W. E. Schmertz and Joseph Cort, of Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. Voegelin, of Maryland Classis, and Rev. J. Fuendeling and Elder Greiner, of Indiana Classis, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Revs. J. B. Kniest and J. Knie, of West New York Classis, were excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

The President announced the following committee on religious service: Revs. W. E. Krebs and D. O. Shoemaker, and Elder T. J. Craig.

Synod proceeded to select a name for itself. The following names were proposed: Pittsburgh, Central, Allegheny, and Fourth. [After some discussion, the whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. D. O. Shoemaker, A. J. Heller, H. Bielfeld, W. M. Landis, and Elders D. S. Dieffenbacher, B. Beighley, and W. J. Baer, with instructions to report immediately upon the opening of Monday morning session.

The following hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed upon: 9 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M., for opening, and 11½ o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. for adjourning.

Rev. H. C. Heyser and Elders Diffenderfer and Gumbert obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this afternoon after Preparatory Service.

The Committee on Religious Service reported in part. Their report was received, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

Rev. T. F. Stauffer to preach this afternoon at preparatory service, in this church, and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker in the evening, Rev. J. H. Stepler in St. Paul's Church this afternoon.

Adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod assembled after preparatory service. In the absence of the President, Rev. T. J. Barkley was called temporarily to

the chair. Opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.

Rev. C. C. Russell, of Westmoreland Classis, appeared and took his seat. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That our first annual meeting be a convention of all the Ministers, and one Elder from each pastoral charge.

The first Wednesday of November, 1870, at 6½ o'clock, P. M. was fixed upon as the time for holding this first annual meeting.

The Committee on Religious Service reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Grace Church, Sunday morning, Rev. T. J. Barkley; evening, Rev. A. B. Koplin. *First Reformed Church*, Allegheny, morning, Rev. H. F. Keener evening, Rev. G. H. Johnston. *St. Paul's (German)*, morning, Rev. H. Bielfeld; evening, Rev. J. Ruhl. *First English Lutheran Church* (Rev. Mr. Laird's), morning, Rev. G. H. Johnston; evening, Rev. A. J. Heller.

Closed with Doxology and Benediction.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, *February 14*, 1870.

Synod assembled at the appointed hour. In the absence of the President, Rev. A. B. Koplin was called temporarily to the chair, who then conducted the religious services. The President appeared and took the chair. The roll was called, and a quorum found present. The minutes of Saturday's session were read, and approved.

Elder S. C. Remsberg was excused for his absence this morning. Elder W. J. Baer obtained optional attendance, and Elder Sam. Burkey obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The President appointed the following standing committees: *On Overtures*, Revs. J. J. Pennypacker, W. M. Landis, and Elder J. Zundel, jr.: *On Examination and Licensure*, Revs. D. B. Ernst, H. F. Keener, T. J. Barkley, and Elders B. Beighley and B. Siedle: *On the State of the Church*, Revs. G. H. Johnston, H. Bielfeld, and Elder A. Wiant: *On Finance*, Rev. J. F. Wiant, T. F. Stauffer, and Elder D. S. Dieffenbacher: *On Minutes of Classes*, Revs. J. Kretzing, J. F. Snyder, and Elder J. Crick: *On Publication*. Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. G. Shoemaker, and Elder H. M. Stitzer.

Pittsburgh Synod.

Application was made in behalf of Rev. James Grant, of the Methodist Church, to be received as a member of Synod. This application was referred to the Committee on Examination and Licensure. The several papers respecting this application were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The order of the day, the reception of the report of the special committee on the name of the Synod, was taken up. The Committee presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the suggesting of a suitable name for this Synod, would beg leave to report that they have given the subject the consideration its importance demanded, and after weighing it in all its bearings have concluded to propose the name "Pittsburgh."

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Overtures reported one item. The report was received, and the papers referred to in the item, respecting the application of Rev. J. Grant, were referred to the Committee on Examination and Licensure.

Synod proceeded to the selection of a place for holding its annual meeting. Zion's Reformed Church, of Buffalo, N. Y., was unanimously chosen as the place.

Rev. L. B. Leasure, of Westmoreland Classis, appeared and took his seat.

On motion a special committee was appointed to report on the general subject of educational institutions. The Committee consists of Revs. J. B. Shoemaker, A. J. Heller, W. E. Krebs, and Elders S. C. Remsberg and T. J. Craig.

Elder Daniel Davis obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The following were appointed a committee to report on the subject of the Orphan Home: Elder D. S. Dieffenbacher, Revs. J. Ruhl and F. Wise.

A committee on leave of absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. G. Shoemaker, L. B. Leasure, and Elder Levi Kemp.

Resolved, That the Classes and Charges be and are hereby requested to send only such delegates to Synod as are willing to remain until the close of the sessions.

Adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. C. C. Russell. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

Resolved, That in view of the action taken this morning, it be now declared that the official title of this Synod shall be, "The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Resolved, That when we adjourn this afternoon, we adjourn to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a charter of incorporation for the Synod, and submit the same to the annual meeting of this body. Synod appointed Rev. F. K. Levan, Chairman of this Committee. The other members, appointed by the chair, are W. E. Krebs and Elder W. J. Baer.

On motion, a standing committee on Church Property was appointed, consisting of Elders W. J. Baer and T. J. Craig, and Mr. P. W. Siebert.

A letter containing a request from certain parties to be furnished with a pastor, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

On motion, the resolution which fixes the time for holding the annual meeting of Synod, was reconsidered. A motion to amend the resolution was lost, and the resolution as first passed again adopted.

The Committee on Overtures reported a second item. The report was received, and the item was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report that no documents were placed into their hands, and that they have therefore nothing to report to this body.

J. KRETZING, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure submitted their report, which was received and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report, That they have examined the Rev. James Grant, and his testimonials, and report the papers regular, and the examination *satisfactory*.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. ERNST, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was resolved that Rev. James Grant, on signing the usual formula, be admitted to our ministry, and referred to Westmoreland Classis. The brother came forward and signed the constitutional formula.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received and adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows ;

No documents have been referred to your Committee. Your Committee, however, think that to meet the expenses from this time until the first annual meeting of this body, the following apportionment should be made.

Westmoreland	\$75 00
St. Paul's	50 00
Clarion.....	40 00
West New York.....	15 00
Total	<hr/> \$170 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. WIAINT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report, that no papers were placed in our hands. We, therefore, offer the following resolution for adoption : *Resolved*, That the consideration of this subject be postponed till the next meeting of Synod.

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Orphan Home submitted their report, which was received and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Orphan Home beg leave to make the following recommendation, as no special business has been referred to them. It is well known by all the members of this body, that we have located, within the bounds of this Synod, St. Paul's Orphan Home, located at Butler, Pa., thirty miles from this city. This Home has been under the general supervision of three of the Classes, which, in connection with West New York, constitute the Pittsburgh Synod. The debt, which was originally eight thousand dollars, has been reduced as rapidly as possible. There will be another payment due in April the first, amounting to eleven hundred dollars, and no money in the treasury to meet it. We have within the bounds of this Synod about forty-eight charges. It will require only twenty-three dollars from each of these, and the requisite amount will be raised. Let there be one united effort, and our Home will be out of all financial trouble. The cause of the orphan is one which meets with a ready response from the Christian heart, and we believe if all our congregations are afforded an opportunity, they will readily respond—We therefore propose the following plan.—That all the charges and congregations within the bounds of this Synod be requested to lift

a collection in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home on or before March 13th, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman.*

The presence of Rev. H. F. Hartman, of the Episcopal Church, was announced.

A tax of 25 cents was levied upon each member of Synod for the remuneration of the sexton of this church. Rev. G. H. Johnston was appointed to collect it.

The Treasurer of St. Paul's Orphan Home was instructed to notify all the ministers of this Synod of the action of Synod in relation to the Home.

A letter from Rev. D. Willers, of West New York Classis, was received and read. He was excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to publish an abstract of our proceedings in the Reformed Church Messenger, Christian World, Kirchenzeitung, and Evangelist.

Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon preached at the opening of this Synod for publication in the *Messenger*.

The Committee on Educational Institutes, submitted their report. It was received, and, pending a motion of adoption Synod adjourned.

Closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Synod assembled at the appointed hour. In the absence of the President, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was appointed President *pro tem.*, who opened the session with singing and prayer. The President appeared and took the chair. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The subject under discussion at the close of the afternoon session was resumed. The report of the committee was adopted, and is as follows :

The committee on Educational Institutes would respectfully submit the following ;

Whereas, By the Constitution each District Synod is empowered to maintain or establish such theological and other institutions within its bounds as it may deem necessary; and *Whereas*, it is a matter of great importance for the church to provide for the proper educational interests of all her people; and *Whereas*, the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rim-

ersburgh, under the care of Clarion Classis, is in active operation, and the Westmoreland College is about being placed in the same condition :

Therefore, Resolved, 1. That these two institutions be recommended to the patronage of our people.

2. That a committee of seven, four ministers and three elders, be appointed by this Synod to take the general educational interests of this Synod into consideration, and to propose a plan as to place and manner of getting up a literary institution in behalf of this section of the church, and report at the annual meeting of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in this report consists of Revs. W. E. Krebs, J. G. Shoemaker, J. B. Kniest, T. J. Barkley, Elders W. J. Baer, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and C. Siebert.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as a whole. It is as follows :

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following :

Item 1st. In reference to documents received from Rev. James Grant, of the Methodist Church, asking to become a member of this Synod.

Item 2nd. A letter from C. Schnell of Cumberland, Md., asking for assistance in procuring a Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. PENNYPACKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report :

The report was received and taken up item by item. The report is as follows :

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report the following items :

1st. A letter from Cumberland signed by C. Small and Phil. Kuhns, asking Synod to get them a German pastor.

2nd Item. A verbal request from certain points in Canada West, presented by Rev. Bielfeld, asking for mission aid.

In regard to the first item we recommend that the applicants be referred to Westmoreland Classis.

3rd Item. Is the offer of a donation by Mr. C. Beringer, of two acres of land for the use of the Reformed Church in Pertona, Stewart Co., Middle Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Item 1st. was adopted. *Item 2.* This subject was referred to the favorable consideration of the General Board of Home Missions. *Item 3.* This offer was also referred to the same Board. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The general subject of missions was on motion referred to a special committee to report at the next meeting of Synod. The Committee consists of Rev. D. D. Leberman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, and Elder C. M. Bousch.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their report, which was received and adopted as follows:

Brethren in the Lord :

This being the first meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod, its principal business being to organize, and to take the preliminary steps in the general oversight and care of the church within its bounds, the report on the state of the church, in absence of reports from Classes, will content itself with reporting some general statistics, as these can be gathered from the minutes of Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and of the Synod of North America. It is proper to state that these statistics are not strictly correct, especially so far as the Westmoreland Classis is concerned, since the best we can do is to take the statistics of the classical year ending September, 1869. We have in our bounds, ministers, 50 ; congregations, 122 ; communicant-members, 7,142 ; baptized members, 6,610 ; benevolent contributions during the last classical year, \$8,559.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish each Classis with an official copy of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the members of Grace Church, the First Church Allegheny, and St. Paul's, for their hospitable entertainment of its members.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Pennsylvania Central, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, and Allegheny Valley Railroads for furnishing its members with excursion tickets.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to procure a suitable seal for the use of Synod.

The roll was called, and Rev. L. B. Leasure, Elder John Wiegand, and C. Siebert were found absent without leave. Their cases were referred to their respective Classes.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read, and approved. On motion adjourned.

Closed with Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction.

W. E. KREBS,
Stated Clerk.

F. K. LEVAN,
President.

A true copy from the original Minutes.

W. E. KREBS,
Stated Clerk.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

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1870.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH in the United States met, pursuant to adjournment, in Zion's Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, the second day of November, A. D. 1870, and continued its sessions until the evening of Monday, at 10 o'clock P. M., the seventh day of the same month.

At the opening of Synod, divine services were conducted by the President, Rev. F. K. Levan. The sermon was preached, at the request of the President, by Rev. D. Willers, D. D., from the words: "That they may be one, even as we are one." [John xvii., 22.]

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Revs. Frederick Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. F. Wiant, J. J. Pennypacker, and Elders Aaron Smith, Jacob Brinker, Geo. Heeter, Daniel Davis, Noah Boyer, and Wm. G. King, from Clarion Classis.

Rev. D. B. Ernst,* John Kretzing,* C. A. Limberg,* J. H. Stepler,* F. Wall,* G. B. Massalsky,* Abner Dale†, and Elder H. M. Stitzer,* from St. Paul's Classis.

Revs. F. K. Levan, C. C. Russell, G. H. Johnston, T. J. Barkley, A. J. Heller, Wm. Rupp, T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Snyder, A. B. Koplin, W. E. Krebs, J. I. Swander, and Elders

* Appeared on the morning of the second day.

† Appeared on the afternoon of the third day.

Josiah Miller, Jacob Byers, L. A. Turner, S. P. Yockey, Wm. Fennel, David Hay, Geo. Fritz, W. R. Barnhart, and T. J. Craig, from Westmoreland Classis.

Revs. D. Willers, D. D., J. B. Kniest, C. Kuss, J. Knie, H. Bielfeld, H. Bentz*, E. Erb*, and Elders Charles Moyer, Sam. Wilhelm, Philip Wahl, and Christian Eitel,† from West New York Classis.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Elder D. S. Dieffenbacher, of Westmoreland Classis ; C. R. C. Menig, of West New York Classis ; and J. David Miller, of Philadelphia Classis.

VISITORS.

Rev. J. T. Yoth, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Christian Foltz, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. Willers, D. D., was chosen President ; Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Corresponding Secretary ; Elder Wm. E. Schmertz, Treasurer ; Rev. W. E. Krebs is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read by the Stated Clerk, the bar of the house was defined by the President, and the following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions :

The morning sessions to open at 9, and close at 11½ o'clock; the afternoon sessions to open at 2, and close at 4½ o'clock.

In the afternoon of the third day, the latter hours were changed to 12 and 5 o'clock; and an evening session was held on Monday from 7 to 10 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Minutes of Synod—Revs. G. H. Johnston, C. C. Russell, F. K. Levan, and Elders Josiah Miller and Jacob Byers.

On Overtures—Revs. A. B. Kopkin, G. B. Massalksy, J. J. Swander, and Elders Chas. Moyer and Saml. Wilhelm.

* Appeared on the afternoon of the second day.

† Was succeeded by his secundus, Elder Jacob Hammersmith, on the morning of the third day.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Revs. J. G. Shoemaker, T. J. Barkley, A. J. Heller, and Elders L. A. Turner and S. P. Yockey.

On Minutes of Classes—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, Wm. Rupp, J. F. Snyder, John Knie, and Elders Chas. Moyer, Wm. Fennel, and David Hay.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. D. B. Ernst, H. Bielfeld, J. F. Snyder, and Elders Geo. Fritz and W. R. Barnhart.

On the State of the Church and Statistics.—Revs. Wm. Rupp, J. B. Kniest, C. Kuss, and Elders Philip Wahl and Christian Eitel.

On Missions—Revs. J. F. Wiant, F. Wise, D. O. Shoemaker, and Elders Aaron Smith and Jacob Brinker.

On Finance—Revs. John Kretzing, J. F. Wiant, J. J. Penny-packer, and Elders Geo. Heeter and Daniel Davis.

On Nominations—Revs. C. A. Limberg, J. H. Stepler, F. Wall, and Elders H. M. Stitzer and Noah Boyer.

On Divine Services—Revs. J. B. Kniest, C. Kuss, and Elder Philip Wahl.

The Minutes of Synod, and of the General Synod, as well as those of the several Classes, together with other papers, were received and referred to the standing committees to which they respectively belonged.

ARTICLE VI.

MINUTES OF SYNOD

The following report was received from the Standing Committee on this subject:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would respectfully report as follows:

Item 1 page 6. Is the appointment of a committee to secure a Charter of Incorporation for this Synod. Rev. F. K. Levan, Chairman.

Item 2. page 6. Is the appointment of a Standing Committee on Church Property. W. J. Baer, Chairman.

Item 3, page 7. Is the apportionment of \$ 170.00 to meet the expenses of Synod until its regular meeting.

Item 4, page 8. Is an order to take up collections for the Orphan Home at Butler in all the congregations of Synod by the 13th of March, 1870.

Item 5, page 9. Is the request of Synod to its President to have his sermon preached at the opening of Synod published in the "Messenger."

Item 6, page 10. Is the appointment of a committee to report at this Synod on its general educational interests. Rev. W. E. Krebs, Chairman.

Item 7, page 11. Is the appointment of a Committee to report to this Synod on the subject of Missions. Rev. D. D. Leberman, Chairman.

Item 8, page 12. The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish each Classis with an official copy of its Minutes.

Item 9, page 12. The officers of Synod are instructed to procure a suitable seal for the Synod.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 10, page 46. Is the action of the General Synod on the subject of the Liturgy.

Item 11, page 83. The General Synod directs special attention to the subject of Home Missions.

Item 12, page 85. Is a form of incorporation for a congregation adopted by the General Synod.

Item 13, page 98. The observance of the leading Church Festivals is enjoined.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

This report was considered item by item. Items 1, 6, and 9. These several committees offered their reports, which were received, and, in the case of item 6, amended, and then adopted. They will be found in Article XII.

Item 2. The Committee was continued and requested to report at the next meeting of Synod. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 4 was laid upon the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes report. Items 5 and 8 were adopted. Item 7. The Committee offered their report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 10. Resolutions on this subject were passed, which will be found in Article XII. Item 11 was referred to the committee on Missions.

Items 12 and 13 were referred to the attention of the Classes.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The following report was received :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to offer the following report:

PETITIONS.

ITEM 1. West New York Classis, at their annual meeting in June last, petitions Synod at this meeting to elect a Superintendent of Missions for the whole bounds of this Synod.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

ITEM 2. Clarion, St. Paul's, and Westmoreland Classes instruct their Treasurer to pay the several apportionments placed upon them by the Synod.

ITEM 3. St. Paul's and Clarion Classes, upon their Minutes, show that their several charges have taken up special collections, agreeable to the request of Synod at Pittsburgh, for the Orphan Home at Butler, while the Minutes of Westmoreland and West New York Classes show no such action.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

ITEM 4. Clarion Classis received Rev. C. Knepper from Illinois Classis; and dismissed Rev. J. H. Apple to Miami Classis.

ITEM 5 St. Paul's Classis received Rev. Gustave B. Massalsky, an Independent minister; Rev. H. C. Heyser from the Synod of America; and dismissed Rev. J. C. Shade to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev G. B. Russell to Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. W. E. Krebs to Westmoreland Classis.

ITEM 6. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. John Voeglin from the Maryland Classis, Rev. W. E. Krebs from St. Paul's Classis, Rev. J. I. Swander from Miami Classis, and Rev. A. Krahn from East Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed Rev. J. A. Peters and A. Wanner to Zion's Classis. Rev. E. D. Shoemaker to Mercersburg Classis, Licentiate C. O. Knepper to Illinois Classis, and Rev. H. W. Super to Philadelphia Classis.

ITEM 7. West New York Classis received Rev. C. Kuss from Erie Classis, and dismissed Rev. T. Gludious to the United Evangelical Synod of the East.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

ITEM 8. Clarion Classis meets the last Thursday in May, 1871, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Worthville, Jefferson county, Pa.; Rev. J. J. Penny-packer, President; Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 9. St. Paul's Classis meets in Good Hope Church, near Greenville, Pa., on Wednesday evening, May 31, 1871, at 8 o'clock; Rev. D. D. Leberman, President, Rev. J. Kretzing, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 10. Westmoreland Classis meets in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, May 31, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. G. H. Johnston, President, Rev. J. F. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 11. West New York Classis meets in Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. B. Kniest, President, Rev. J. Knie, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

The report was considered item by item. Item one was referred to the Committee on Missions. The other items were adopted, and then the report as a whole.

Resolved, That the Classes be and are hereby requested to direct their Stated Clerks to arrange their Minutes for the use of Synod in such way as to render them easy of reference.

ARTICLE VIII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following report was received and adopted :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

In presenting the first annual report on the state of the Church within the bounds of this Synod, your committee would not forget that it is our bounden duty first of all to give thanks unto the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His great goodness and mercy toward us His unworthy servants, and that portion of His holy Zion which we represent. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us ; to Him be glory and honor, thanksgiving and praise, for ever and ever.

From the reports placed in our hands it appears that the state of the Church within our bounds, while it is not all it could be desired, is nevertheless highly encouraging. While there are some things that cause us to mourn, still the general state of our Church is such as to admonish us to take heart, and to be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

The reports all bear testimony to the fact that, during the period which they cover, the word of the Gospel was faithfully preached, the holy sacraments regularly administered, the children and youth instructed and catechised. Pastors have been earnest and zealous in the work of the ministry, as it is apprehended and understood at this time in the Reformed Church ; and the Classical reports in our hands give evidence in various ways that their work has been accepted and blessed by our Lord Jesus Jesus Christ, the chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

The prevailing type of religion among us evidently is what may be called the churchly, sacramental, and educational. We have no faith in any modern inventions and contrivances of men for the regeneration, conversion, and sanctification of sinners ; but on the contrary we have confidence in God's own means and ordinances appointed unto this end. This fact is alluded to in several of the reports in our hands. Stress is laid upon the sacraments as grace-bearing, saving ordinances. The Church, we believe, is not only the communion, but also the mother of saints. We are ready to say, with the fathers of old, and that in good faith : He that hath not the Church for his mother cannot have God for his Father. Holy Baptism, we believe, is ordained for the remission of sin and the gift of a new and spiritual life ; the holy Supper for the nourishment of the regenerate or baptismal life ; the preaching of the Gospel for the illumination of the mind and for growth in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Such is our faith, and such the Gospel that we preach. We believe that it is the old Gospel. And that it is still, as it was in the days of St. Paul, the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, is evidenced in various ways by the reports before us. These all speak of greater devotion on the part of our people to the Lord and His cause. Our people love the Church more than formerly; and when there is love to the Church, there must be also love to the Lord.

True, as several of the reports also admit, the effect of the Gospel as we preach it, does not at once manifest itself in the way of outward demonstration and show. But our Saviour himself tells us that the kingdom of heaven cometh not with observation. None of the reports had anything to say of extraordinary effusions of the Spirit, of so-called Pentecostal seasons, and the like; and one of them expressly says that none have occurred. But if we have faith in the one Pentecostal miracle, is not this as it should be? Is not the Holy Ghost continually present in the Church and operative in the ordinances of the Gospel to regenerate, convert, and sanctify? As the dews of heaven are gentle, so also is the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. He is not in the earthquake, nor in the fire, nor in the rushing wind, but in the still, small voice. "So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

All the reports in our hands speak of a growing Church-consciousness among our people. This manifests itself in a variety of ways: it manifests itself in more earnest attention to the Preached Word, and a more active participation in the worship of the sanctuary. Our people do not go to Church simply in order to see and hear, but to worship. So also there is beginning to be a more devout and regular observance of the Holy Sacraments. The disproportion between the confirmed and communicant members of the Church is becoming smaller; although it is still too large. Parents also are said to be more concerned for the baptism of their children than was the case some years ago, at least in certain sections of this Synod. The Church Festivals are more commonly observed by our pastors and people than was the case in former years, and they always prove to be revivals in the true sense.

One of the reports also refers to the style of our church architecture. New churches are built and old ones repaired; and in this case the new is decidedly better than the old. The reports say that the spirit of benevolence manifest among our people is commendable; but they all admit too that in this regard there is still large room for improvement.

But while our present condition as a Church is good and generally encouraging, there is great work before us still. Our territory is large, and as yet in many places but poorly cultivated. Within the bounds of this Synod there are cities and towns by the score, in which our Church is as yet unknown. From all these the Macedonian cry sounds in our ears, Come and help us! The harvest before us is great—greater perhaps than any of us have any idea now. It will require us to labor faithfully in the future. It will require sacrifices at our hands. And it will require many more men and more means than we have at our command now. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He may send laborers into the harvest."

We present a summary of the statistics of the Synod : Ministers, 50 ; congregations, 128 ; unconfirmed members, 8,110 ; confirmed members 9,841 ; communicants, 7,773 ; baptisms, 1,019 ; confirmations, 545 ; received by certificate, 277 ; dismissed, 108 ; deaths, 225 ; Sunday Schools, 80 ; Sunday School scholars, 4,935 ; benevolent contributions, \$6,043 97.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP, Chairman.

ARTICLE IX.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions offered their report, which was received, but, after some discussion, was recommitted, with the addition of Rev. D. B. Ernst and Elder T. J. Craig to the Committee.

The Committee subsequently offered the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents have been referred to it, viz:

1. A letter to this Synod from the Rev. B. Bausman, President of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

2. The report of the Committee of this Synod, appointed at its preliminary meeting at Pittsburgh, to which was referred the general subject of Missions within the bounds of this Synod.

3. Item two of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, viz : The request of the West New York Classis that this Synod elect a Missionary Superintendent for the Synod.

In view of the documents referred to your Committee, as also the instructions given to it, the following action is recommended for adoption, viz.

Resolved, That this Synod elect a suitable person as Missionary Superintendent, who shall act in proper harmony with the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and who shall have the entire supervision of all the missionary interests within the bounds of this Synod, and shall make a full report to this Synod at its next annual meeting, giving a detailed account of all the Missions. He shall have power to establish new missions at such places and to such extent as he shall be able to provide means for their support.

Resolved, That each Classis shall, at its next annual meeting, elect a Superintendent, or Committee on Missions, to advise with and aid said Synodical Superintendent; and until the next annual meeting of the Classis, the present missionary committees shall co-operate with the Superintendent.

Resolved, That the Synod pay the said Superintendent at the rate of eight hundred dollars [\$800.00] per annum, and traveling expenses for his services.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars [\$400.00] be assessed on the different Classes to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the Mission funds contributed by the several Classes, not already appropriated for the support of Missions within their bounds, be paid by the respective Treasurers into the hands of the Treasurer of this Synod, to be paid by him to the support of such new Missions as may be established.

Whilst your Committee recommend this plan, it would at the same time seek to infuse a missionary spirit into each member of this Synod. The election of a Superintendent for Synod, and of Classical Superintendents or Committees, is only to give proper form to the work which should lie near to the heart of every one, and in which every member of this Synod should count it a privilege to engage. Let us seek to keep and cultivate the missionary spirit and zeal of the pioneers and fathers who have cultivated the field embraced by this Synod. They sought out, and laid hold of missionary points, and in this way established many of the congregations of this Synod.

Let it not be thought that because we have a Superintendent and Classical Committees that this relieves others from interest in the missionary work, but that it should rather increase the interest and zeal of every one, and that all should feel themselves called anew to the work of gathering and building up, and in this way give efficiency to the operations of the Superintendent and Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Wiant, *Chairman.*

REV. F. K. LEVAN was elected Missionary Superintendent.

ARTICLE X.

FINANCE.

The following report was received and adopted :

The Committee on Finance would report as follows : The following items have been referred to the Committee : the assessment on the different Classes of this Synod by the Synod of Pittsburgh at its preliminary meeting ; the sum of \$400.00 for carrying out the appointment of a Missionary Superintendent ; and the general expenses of the Synod.

The first item of \$400.00 for the support of the Missionary Superintendent your Committee apportion as follows : Westmoreland Classis, \$170.00 ; Clarion, \$95.00 ; St. Paul's, \$95.00 ; and West New York, \$40.00.

For the current expenses of Synod we make the following assessment on the Classes : Westmoreland, old, \$75.00, new, \$80.00, total \$155.00 ; Clarion, old, \$40.00, new, \$50.00, total \$90.00 ; St. Paul's, old, \$50.00, new, \$50.00, total \$100.00 ; West New York, old, \$15.00, new \$10.00, total \$25.00

We would also offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the several Classes be respectfully requested to pay the above assessments to the Treasurer of Synod without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KRETZING, *Chairman.*

A Committee, consisting of Revs. J. Erb, J. Knie, and Elder Chas. Moyer, was appointed to collect the sum of 25 cts. from each member of Synod, for the remuneration of the sexton. The Committee subsequently reported that they collected the sum of \$12.25. They were ordered to pay the amount to the sexton.

The salary of the Stated Clerk was fixed at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum.

ARTICLE XI.

DIVINE SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

The following appointments were made by the Committee on Divine Services, and adopted by Synod :

Zion's Reformed Church, Thursday evening, German sermon by Rev. J. H. Stepler; Friday evening, Rev. C. Kuss; Saturday afternoon, English address by Rev. J. I. Swander, German by Rev. D. B. Ernst; Saturday evening, German Preparatory sermon by Rev. F. Wall, German liturgy by Rev. C. A. Limberg; Sunday morning, German sermon by Rev. J. B. Kniest; Sunday afternoon, children's service, English address by Rev. W. E. Krebs, German by Rev. C. A. Limberg; Sunday evening, German Communion sermon by Rev. F. K. Levan, English address by Rev. G. H. Johnston, and German Liturgy by Rev. J. B. Kniest. St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday morning, Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.

ARTICLE XII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed to take the general educational interest of this Synod into consideration, and to propose a plan as to place and manner of getting up a Literary Institution in behalf of this section of the church, respectfully beg leave to report as follows :

The subject is one of vital importance. It has a direct bearing upon the great work entrusted to this Synod of developing and furthering the interests of the church within its bounds, for the promotion of man's salvation and the glory of God. By no other single means can it better

accomplish this end than by establishing a good Literary Institution, such as will meet its wants. Such an institution will serve as a centre to bind the Synod, which is now quite a compact body as to territory, still more closely together drawing pupils and parents to itself from every part, and diffusing Christian light and learning back to its utmost bounds.

What our church needs, to become still more efficient in the Master's cause, is just the awakening of its people to a sense of the great powers still slumbering in its bosom. The more the light of Christian learning shines abroad, the more energetic will our people be in working for the church and the spread of Christ's kingdom. That we have not been as prosperous outwardly and vigorous as some denominations around us, not as old as ourselves, is owing no doubt as much to past remissness in this direction, as to any other one cause. A Christian Literary Institution, that will be able to reach in its influence our hundreds of families, would soon be felt as a mighty power in the Synod, which would be seen in the increased activity and zeal of the people in every department of Christian work.

Let these statements be admitted, and it becomes a matter of solemn duty for this Synod to make suitable provision for these wants of her children.

As to the kind of Institution that our needs require, we may remark, in the first place, that it should be one that will fall in with the general plan of education of the church at large, with respect to institutions both of a lower and higher grade. It should be of such a character and possess such advantages as to draw students continually from local classical schools, which might easily be sustained in every well-populated district or community. The Synodical School in turn should look to something higher than itself, to a Central Institution of the church at large, or University, which it is now the longing of many of our learned men to establish.

In the second place, our institution should be for both males and females. Our girls and young ladies need to be educated as well as our boys and young men. Should the time come when we will feel ourselves able, and see any necessity therefor, we can easily then establish two separate Institutions. But for a Synodical School of the kind proposed, there are some advantages in the educating of the sexes together that can not otherwise be enjoyed. Members of the same family could be educated at the same place, and the prevalence of a family life, so desirable at this formative period of human existence, would be more attainable, including as it does the cultivation of good manners and habits for mingling in society. Wherever this plan has been properly tried, it has proved an entire success. By such an Institution we would be able to fit young men for all the ordinary pursuits in life, as well as provide a full course in the case of young ladies.

Parents and guardians, after securing for their children or wards all the benefits which their local schools afford, still see the importance of sending daughters and sons abroad for one, two, or three years to some higher institution, to enjoy advantages they can not enjoy at home. Besides, the majority can not have even good local schools near enough to board their children at home. If we do not make proper provisions for their wants, they will either be compelled to send them away to a great distance, which many are loath to do, or else to institutions of other

churches, whereby they frequently become lost altogether to their own. No other church can provide for our own children as well as we can provide for them ourselves.

In the next place, our Institution should be properly and permanently located from the beginning. In this respect we ought to learn a wholesome lesson from our past experience. Such a location should be selected as would, in *all* respects, looking to the future as well as to the present, meet most fully the wants of the Synod as a whole. To this end it should be centrally located in order to draw its patronage from our whole territory, and not so much from any one particular point. It should be on the line of a railroad, so as to be readily accessible from all directions. It should be so situated as to be able to reap the benefits both of country and city life.

The city of Pittsburgh is confessedly the centre of commercial life for the territory covered by this Synod. All the Railways in this section of the State centre there. Our Synod itself is fitly called after its name. It is the home of immense wealth; its importance is continually increasing; its influence is felt and universally acknowledged. Some location in the country, within easy and frequent access by rail to the city, seems to be a natural suggestion.

In the last place, our Institution should be equal to the best of its class in other churches. This we can make it, by concentrating all our efforts upon it, such as no mere local school could possibly be. Each department should be presided over by a competent teacher, and every facility afforded, for all who desire, to pursue music, painting, and other extra branches. The expenses should be moderate, so as to be within the reach of men of moderate means. But, in addition to all this, it should be a positively *Christian* School, not in any sense of a sectarian character, but in such sense as to afford the pupils the opportunity at least of enjoying all the blessings and privileges of the Church. For this purpose, a congregation might be organized in connection with the school, and thus have the students confronted all the time with the *realities* of religion, in the ordinances of God's house. This feature is successfully, and with highly satisfactory results, carried out both at Lancaster, and Mercersburg. It can not easily be overvalued. Pupils are away at school mostly from the age of twelve years to twenty, a critical period in their lives, the very period in which they ought to attend catechetical instruction, and be admitted to full communion with the church. Children no less than their parents need the Bread of Life for their growth in grace. While their mental development is attended to, full provision should also be made for their spiritual wants. Education divorced from religion, as it is coming to be universally felt, will fail of its end.

The management and control of the Institution should be left in the hands of a Board of Trustees, elected by Synod. This body should not be large, as experience teaches us that a small number of men, active and zealous, is far more efficient than a large number, living so far apart as hardly to be able to get together, even once a year, to form a quorum. The sum of at least forty thousand dollars will be required to purchase the ground, erect the necessary buildings, and properly furnish the same. We believe that our people will come up to this requirement, if the subject, in all its importance and bearing upon the best interests of the church, be clearly laid before them. What is most needed is for this

Synod to enter heartily into this Christian enterprise, and as heartily commend it to all her people.

Your Committee therefore offer for consideration the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Synod at this meeting elect nine Trustees three for three years, three for two years, and three for one year ; and three at every annual meeting thereafter, to serve for three years.

Resolved, That the Trustees thus elected be directed to meet in the City of Pittsburgh on the 28th day of December, 1870, in the morning at 10 o'clock, who shall elect their officers from their own number, and proceed at once to be incorporated under a proper title, and in general accordance with this action of Synod.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to proceed at once to the election of a President for the Institution, who shall visit our various Charges and bring the matter before them, to elicit their patronage, and to secure the necessary funds, or else appoint some other agent for this purpose.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to proceed to the establishment of the School as soon as in their judgment the way be properly open, and to present to Synod at every annual meeting a report of its condition, prospects, and wants.

Resolved, That we hereby heartily commend this subject to the attention of our Pastors and people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman*

The Committee on Nominations for Trustees reported a double set of Candidates; an election by ballot was held, which resulted in the election of the following persons as Trustees of the Literary Institution :

Wm. E. Schmertz, Rev. W. E. Krebs, and C. M. Bousch, Esq., for three years ; Christian Siebert, Rev. A. J. Heller, and B. Wolff, Jr., for two years ; Rev. T. J. Barkley, W. J. Baer, Esq., and Rev. F. K. Levan, for one year.

ORDER OF WORSHIP.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices at the peaceable and happy solution of the question of the Liturgy.

Resolved, That we are glad to learn that both the Liturgies now before the Church are in process of translation into the German language, so that they may be tried by the German churches, as well as by the English.

ORPHAN HOME.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, We have within the bounds of this Synod a flourishing Orphan Home, which has been under the care of the Classes in their separate capacity: and *Whereas*, It would be desirable to bring this Institution into closer connection with the Synod as such; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, Pa., be and are hereby respectfully requested to take the necessary steps to have the members of the Board elected by Synod, instead of being elected by the several Classes.

Resolved, That we hereby commend this Orphan Home to all our people, and earnestly ask them to remember it in their prayers and charities, and request all our Pastors to take up collections at their Christmas Festivals for the benefit of the Home, and make earnest efforts to cancel the debt still resting upon it.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

The following is the form of a Charter reported by the Committee and adopted by Synod :

WHEREAS, The Ministers and Elders forming the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, consisting of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, and of others of the United States of America, have represented that, by donations, bequests, or otherwise, of charitably disposed persons, they are possessed of moneys for benevolent and pious purposes, and the said Ministers and Elders have reason to expect further donations for similar use, but from the scattered situation of the said Ministers and Elders, and other causes, the said Ministers and Elders find it very difficult to manage the said funds in the way best calculated to answer the intention of the donors ; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That

and their successors

duly elected and appointed, in manner as is hereinafter directed, be and they are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation and body politic and corporate, to have continuance forever, by the name, style, and title of " Trustees of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States," and by the name, style, and title aforesaid shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law, as well to take, receive, and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments which at any time or times, heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, bequeathed, devised, or otherwise conveyed to, or acquired by the said Ministers and Elders of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, or any other person or persons, to their use, or in trust for them; and the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, and other hereditaments, including personal property, are hereby vested and established in the said corporation and their successors forever, according to the original use and intent with such devises, bequests, gifts, and grants were respectively made; and the said corporation and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate and estates therein as in and by the respective grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, releases, bequests, devises and other conveyance thereof is or are declared, limited, or expressed; also, that the said corporation and their successors, at all times hereafter, shall be capable and able to purchase, have, receive, take, hold, and enjoy, in fee simple, or of lesser estate or estates, any lands,

tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation, or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable and able to make the same; and further, that the said Ministers and Elders, under the corporate name aforesaid, and their successors, may take and receive any sum or sums of money and any portion of goods and chattels that have given to the said Ministers and Elders, or that hereafter shall be given, sold, leased, devised or bequeathed to the same corporation, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, that is able or capable to make a gift, sale, bequest or other disposal of the same, such money, goods or chattels to be laid out and disposed of for the use and benefit of aforesaid, agreeably to the intention of the donors, and according to the objects, articles and conditions of this act.

SECT. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no misnomer of the said corporation and their successors shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise, bequest to or from the said corporation: *Provided*, The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, will, grant, or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

SECT. 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall think fit and proper, and the same to break, alter, and renew at their pleasure.

SECT. 4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title, aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court, or before any Judge or Justice, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, matters, and demands, of whatsoever nature, kind, and form they may be, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this Commonwealth may or can do.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid. That the said corporation and their successors shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain, and establish by-laws and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof: *Provided*, That said by-laws be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, to this act, or to the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SECT. 6. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall consist of five persons, neither more nor less, who shall be members of the Reformed Church, and continue to be members of the said corporation for the term of five years each, the term of office to end always on the first day of January; and the said Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States shall annually change one-fifth of the said board or corporation, in such manner as to the said Synod shall seem proper, but the same person may not be re-elected until after he shall have ceased to be a member of the said board or corporation for at least one year: *Provided, however*, That the aforesaid Trustees shall continue in office as follows: One of them until the first

day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven-two, one until the first of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and one until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six; these different terms of office to be distributed by lot or otherwise by the said corporation among themselves at their first meeting; and further, if the place of any member of the said corporation be made vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the said corporation, at the first meeting held, at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect and appoint a person who is a member of the Reformed Church to the office of Trustee, or a member of the said corporation, who shall, however, hold office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy, and the person thus elected by the said corporation shall not be re-eligible by the Synod aforesaid until after he has ceased to be a Trustee for the period of at least one year; and further, if the Synod aforesaid fail during any year to change one-fifth of the members of the Board or corporation, then the vacancy occurring on the first day of January, according to the provisions and restrictions of this act, shall be filled by the said corporation, and the person thus elected and appointed shall be a member of the said corporation for the term of five years.

SECT. 7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of all moneys, goods, chattels, lands, tenements, and hereditaments and other estate whatsoever, committed to their care and trust by the said Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; but in cases where special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by the said Synod, in writing, under the hand of their clerk, it shall be the duty of the said corporation to act according to such instructions: *Provided*, The said instructions shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to the provisions and restrictions in this act contained.

SECT. 8. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall and may have a President, a Vice-President, who shall also be the Secretary or Clerk, and a Treasurer; the President and Vice-President to be chosen by the said corporation out of their own number as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them to be prescribed, but the Treasurer to be elected annually by the said Synod, from among the members of the said corporation, in such manner as to the said Synod shall seem proper; and the same person shall be re-eligible to the office of Treasurer by the said Synod from year to year, so long as he continues to be a member of the said corporation. And the said corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary; to all of which officers the said corporation may assign such a compensation for the services and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time and to be succeeded by others in such way, the Treasurer being excepted, conformably to the provisions of this act, as the said corporation shall direct.

SECT. 9. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three members of this board or corporation, whereof the President, or, in

his absence, the Vice-President, shall be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules, and regulations; *Provided*, That previous to any meeting of the board or corporation for such purposes not appointed by adjournment, ten days' notice shall be previously given thereof by a circular, sent by mail or otherwise, to each member of the corporation.

SECT. 10. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements, in a book or books to be provided for that purpose; and their Treasurer shall, once in every year, exhibit to the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, an exact state of the accounts of the corporation.

SECT. 11. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation may take, receive, purchase, possess, and enjoy messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, and other hereditaments, real and personal estate, of any amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars yearly value; but the said limitations not to be considered as including the annual collections and voluntary contributions made in the churches under the care of the said Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having proposed a double set of Candidates, an election by ballot was held, which resulted in the choice of the following persons as Trustees of Synod :

Geo. Reiter, Sr., Wm. E. Schmertz, David Hay, Revs. A. B. Koplin, and J. I. Swander.

The Committee, consisting of Revs. F. K. Levan, W. E. Krebs, and Elder W. J. Baer, was continued, with instructions to have this Document legally executed.

SEAL FOR USE OF SYNOD.

The following is the report adopted by Synod :

Your Committee appointed to procure a Seal for the Synod would report the following :

They find that a Seal complete for use would cost fifteen dollars, or thereabout. They have not absolutely settled on the design, but think it should be simple and expressive—say, the Word, the Cross, the Crown, properly combined, with the name of the Synod surrounding them. As yet there is no appropriation that we know of for the payment of said Seal.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee was continued, consisting of Revs. F. K. Levan and W. E. Krebs, with instructions to procure the Seal. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the cost of the the Seal.

NO REPORTS.

The standing Committees on Correspondence with Sister Churches, on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, and on Overtures, stated that no business or documents were referred to them, and therefore they had no duties to perform.

ABSENT MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The case of those Ministers and Elders who absented themselves from this annual meeting of Synod, was referred to the several Classes to which they respectively belong.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

The invitation, from the Pastor loci, to visit the Parochial School connected with the congregation, from 1 to 1½ o'clock on Monday afternoon, was accepted. The School was visited by the members at the time appointed, and was addressed by the President.

Article XIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor of the Reformed Church of Buffalo, and to his congregation, for the kindness and hospitality shown the members of Synod during its sessions, and that the Pastor loci be requested to read this action from his pulpit.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be and is hereby tendered to the Erie and Pittsburgh, Allegheny Valley, Pittsburgh Corry and Buffalo, and Oil City and Allegheny River Railroad Companies, for the advantages given the members in passing over their roads at reduced fares

The Roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes of each day were read, revised, and approved, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to publish in English one thousand copies in pamphlet form.

Article XIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet again in the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., on the Third Wednesday of October (the 18th), A. D. 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That the Synod, at its next annual meeting, be composed of all the Ministers within its bounds, and one Elder from each pastoral Charge.

The Synod was dismissed, after Divine Service, which was closed with the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

DIEDRICH WILLERS, *President.*

WALTER E. KREBS, *Stated Clerk.*

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CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Conf.	CHARGES	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptism.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communion.	Discipline.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	Pr. Scholars.	Reverend's Contribution.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Wise,...	2	Plum Creek,...	118	162	12	.....	2	108	.....	1	.....	.....	\$60.68	South Bend, Pa.
J. G. Shoemaker,...	4	Curtisville,...	275	230	20	2	1	265	.....	6	8	200	316.16	Curtisville, Pa.
Wm. O. Haupt,...	8	Tylersburg,...	90	84	5	.....	6	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	Lineville, Pa.
D. O. Shoemaker,...	4	Petersburg,...	490	475	40	20	2	400	.....	12	4	200	208.00	Lamartine, Pa.
J. J. Pennypacker,	4	Kittanning,...	280	260	23	12	8	285	8	6	4	225	155.44	Dayton, Pa.
Louis Christ,.....	4	Luthersburg,	350	.....	35	9	.....	350	.....	18	1	85	52.00	Troutville, Pa.
J. F. Wiant,.....	8	South Bend, ..	186	176	40	32	12	181	2	5	2	145	352.53	Elderton, Pa.
Charles Knepper,...	1	Reimersburg,	84	87	7	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	40	88.01	Reimersburg Pa
	4	Red Bank,....	300	300	15	.....	1	200	.....	.....	4	150	10.00	
	1	Zion's Valley,	38	60	6	8	6	82	.....	.....	1	56	21.25	

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Philip Zeiser,.....	1	Without charge	182	124	7	8	4	119	8	4	1	89	\$102.09	Hamburg, Pa.
D. B. Ernst,.....	2	Saegertown,...	392	425	29	16	5	315	1	2	3	180	180.00	Saegertown, Pa
Abner Dale,.....	4	Fairview,.....	170	150	9	7	3	150	8	8	2	100	200.00	Br'dy's Bend, Pa.
John Kretzing,.....	1	Zion's,.....	140	100	15	29	2	188	.....	8	1	50	135.00	Cochran, Pa.
D. D. Loberman,...	2	St. Paul's,...	175	150	18	8	17	170	15	9	2	175	185.73	Meadville, Pa.
O. B. Diefenbacher	2	Greenville,...	76	110	10	8	7	73	.....	1	2	98	153.16	Greenville, Pa.
O. A. Limberg,...	4	Butler,.....	227	128	25	87	.....	165	2	1	3	130	65.00	Butler, Pa.
W. M. Landis,.....	8	Harmony,.....	135	180	25	15	.....	115	.....	.....	2	70	101.11	Harmony, Pa.
J. H. Stepler,.....	2	Sharon,.....	127	99	10	7	1	112	.....	2	2	90	49.65	Sharon, Pa.
E. H. Diefenbacher	2	Mercer,.....	90	50	6	10	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.00	London, Pa.
F. Wall,.....	1	Watson Run,	55	44	3	4	7	50	.....	.....	1	75	207.19	Meadville, Pa.
J. A. Hoffheins,...	4	1st ch. Alleg'y	560	568	35	54	3	420	7	9	4	360	.....	Allegheny, O. Pa
H. O. Heyser,.....		Shenango,.....											.....	Greenville, Pa.
J. B. Poerner,.....		Without charge											.....	Lebanon, Pa.
G. B. Masulsky,...	1	Titusville,...											.....	Titusville, Pa.

WESTMORELAND CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Communion.	Certificates.	Commandment.	Excom.	Disciplined.	Deacons.	Sunday Schools.	Bible Societies.	Managers' Contribution.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.	4	1st Greensburg,	610	535	90	25	4	525	.....	5	30	5	800	\$825.00	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,.....	.....	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
B. Knepper,.....	6	Wellersburg,.....	368	400	73	31	9	285	.....	6	2	4	170	132.70	Wellersburg, Pa.
F. K. Loran,.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
O. C. Russell,.....	.....	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Latrobe, Pa.
G. H. Johnston,.....	4	Somerset,.....	224	120	15	11	5	190	.....	4	5	1	30	236.50	Somerset, Pa.
T. J. Barkley,.....	1	Grace Church.	135	80	9	.....	24	121	.....	9	3	1	75	652.32	Pittsburgh, Pa.
A. J. Heller,.....	5	Mt. Pleasant,.....	223	140	24	.....	1	194	.....	3	6	2	100	143.17	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Wm. Rupp,.....	4	Berlin,.....	333	318	36	16	4	291	.....	12	8	3	160	305.44	Berlin, Pa.
T. F. Stauffer,.....	2	St. James,.....	229	143	29	17	4	166	.....	15	10	2	230	202.79	Apollo, Pa.
J. F. Snyder,.....	3	Salem,.....	385	397	40	31	21	359	.....	8	7	3	275	282.01	Salem X R'ds, Pa.
A. B. Koplin,.....	4	Paradise,.....	195	115	16	16	5	149	.....	.....	5	1	.....	53.00	Elk Lick, Pa.
H. F. Keener,.....	5	Beama,.....	303	271	45	17	3	255	.....	1	3	1	75	118.61	Sipesville, Pa.
L. B. Leasure,.....	1	Wilkinsburg,	43	102	2	15	33	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Irwin Station, Pa.
James Grant,.....	5	St John's,.....	163	235	7	2	2	91	.....	2	3	.....	.....	87.23	Stoystown, Pa.
John Kuhl,.....	1	Frostburg,.....	100	180	13	10	30	100	.....	.....	4	1	240	117.00	Frostburg, Md.
John Voegelin,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	K. Liberty, Pa.
W. K. Krebs,.....	1	Irwin,.....	87	85	12	1	9	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Irwin Station, Pa.
J. I. Swander,.....	4	Latrobe,.....	210	200	12	6	9	205	.....	1	1	1	100	68.00	Latrobe, Pa.
Albert Krahn,.....	1	St Paul's,.....	23	26	13	1	7	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Latrobe, Pa.
J. W. Love,.....	2	2d Greensburg,	140	170	17	.....	1	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	Greensburg, Pa.
.....	1	Johnstown,.....	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110.42	Johnstown, Pa.
.....	1	Cumberland,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cumberland, Md.
.....	3	Ursina,.....	90	20	9	1	4	80	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	Ursina, Pa.

WEST NEW YORK CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communion.	From.	Discharged.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	B. S. Scholars.	Generous Contribution.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Diedrich Willers, D.D.	8 Fayette,.....	100	16	28	8	.....	75	.....	.....	10	2	70	\$19.40	Fayette, N. Y.---
J. B. Knient,.....	1 Zion's,.....	795	450	48	36	15	335	.....	6	17	1	230	217.00	Buffalo, N. Y.---
H. Bentz,.....	2 Clarence,.....	180	.....	10	15	.....	95	.....	.....	1	1	65	.....	Clarence, N. Y.---
John Knis,.....	1 Ebenezer,.....	90	.....	12	8	.....	86	.....	.....	4	1	70	40.07	Ebenezer, N. Y.---
Edmund Erb,.....	2 Dansville,.....	120	81	2	2	.....	46	.....	.....	5	1	27	83.88	Dansville, N. Y.---
C. Kuss,.....	1 Rochester,.....	109	62	10	5	.....	48	.....	.....	2	1	110	75.00	Rochester, N. Y.---
H. Biefeld,.....	2 Preston,.....	48	54	7	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	1	1	80	15.00	Preston, O. W.---

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Members.	Congreg.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Deaths.	Communion.	Certificates.	From.	Discharged.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Members of B. S.	Generous Contribution.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Clarion,.....	8	80	2,211	1,884	253	88	38	1,895	.....	5	20	48	1,101	\$1,233.02
St. Paul's,.....	14	29	2,289	2,118	187	190	49	1,877	.....	81	23	39	1,247	1,401.98
Westmoreland,.....	21	57	8,919	8,545	467	200	175	8,264	.....	66	29	98	1,885	8,009.22
West New York,.....	7	12	1,442	618	112	72	15	727	.....	6	8	40	602	399.80
Total,.....	50	128	9,841	8,110	1,019	545	277	7,778	.....	108	90	225	4,965	8,043.97
Eastern Synod, 13 Classes,.....	274	848	88,289	44,087	8,882	5,102	1,812	68,166	.....	1,156	611	3,224	84,010	68,901.59
Western Synod, 8 Classes,.....	126	278	17,847	9,726	1,785	968	648	16,018	.....	251	177	453	10,084	11,119.98
North Western Synod, 7 Classes,.....	97	161	10,837	6,784	1,236	768	671	8,552	.....	809	95	314	4,000	9,954.86
Grand Total of 4 Synods and 82 Classes.	547	1210	121,814	68,656	12,852	7,378	3,408	100,504	1,824	963	4,216	58,029	94,019.89

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH in the United States assembled, in its second annual sessions, in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., on Wednesday, the 18th day of October A. D. 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until Tuesday, the 24th day of the month, at 4 o'clock P. M.

At the opening of Synod, divine service was held, the sermon being preached, in the absence of the President, and at his request, by the Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, from John xx., 21-23, in connection with Matthew xviii., 18.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Rev. F. Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, J. J. Pennypacker, Louis Christ, 1 J. F. Wiant, H. Hoffman; Elder Abr. Hepler, 5 Philip Rupert, James Hill, W. G. King, 4 and Jacob Mehrweins, 3 from Clarion Classis.

1 Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fourth day.
2 Obtained leave of absence on Monday afternoon.

4 Obtained leave of absence on Monday evening.
5 Obtained leave of absence on Tuesday morning.

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Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, E. H. Dieffenbacher, J. A. Hoffheins, D. B. Ernst,*5 A. Dale,* J. Kretzing,* D. D. Leberman,* G. B. Massalsky,*2 C. A. Limberg,|| H. C. Heyser ;‡ Elder Geo. W. Cribbs, Lewis L. Moore, D. L. Kamarer,* Simon Kamarer,*1 and C. M. Boush,|| from St. Paul's Classis.

Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., B. Knepper,5 G. H. Johnston,3 T. J. Barkley, A. J. Heller,4 T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Snyder, A. B. Koplin, H. F. Keener, James Grant,2 John Ruhl, W. E. Krebs, J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, A. C. Geary, L. B. Leasure,* Albert Krahm,*3 H. E. F. Voigt,|| F. K. Levan,|| C. C. Russell,|| J. Fuendeling,||1 Elder John Reamer, Sam. Hunsicker, Isaac Shupe, Daniel Gumbert,¶ J. M. Hay, John Biesecker, Jacob Hershey, William R. Barnhart, L. H. Voigt,* John Musser,* George F. Bauerschmidt,*¶ William Marta,† George Fisher,6 and J. Hartlich,|| from Westmoreland Classis.

Rev. J. B. Kniest,* from West New York Classis.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.—Rev. C. Cast, from St. Joseph's Classis ; Rev. L. D. Steckel, from Mercersburg Classis ; Rev. J. B. Thompson, from Miami Classis ; Elders Joseph Cort, J. Truxel, William Truxel, S. C. Remsberg, — Brinker, — Lauffer, from Westmoreland Classis ; and J. David Miller, from Philadelphia Classis.

VISITORS.—Revs. J. K. Plitt and G. A. Bruegel, of the Lutheran Church ; Rev. J. F. Jones, of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; and Rev. W. Moorhead, of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. J. G. SHOEMAKER was elected President ; Rev. C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, Corresponding Secretary ; WM. E. SCHMERTZ, Treasurer ; Rev. W. E. KREBS is Stated Clerk.

*Appeared on the morning of the second day.

†Appeared on the afternoon of the second day.

‡Appeared on the morning of the third day.

¶Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the third day.

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6 Was succeeded by his Primarius, Thomas H. Brinker, on Monday afternoon.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read by the Stated Clerk, the bar of the House was defined by the President, and the following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions :

The hours of 9 o'clock in the morning, and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for opening the sessions ; and 11½ o'clock in the morning, and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for closing.

There was also a session of Synod on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

These were appointed by the President as follows :

Minutes of Synod—Rev. J. F. Wiant, E. H. Dieffenbacher, A. B. Koplin, Elders Abr. Hepler, and Wm. R. Barnhart.

Overtures—Rev. T. J. Barkley, A. C. Geary, F. Wise, Elder Daniel Gumbert, and I. Shupe.

Minutes of Classes—Rev. J. F. Snyder, H. Hoffman, J. Kretzing, Elder J. M. Hay, and L. L. Moore.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination—Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D. Leberman, J. Ruhl, Elder Jacob Hershey, and James Hill.

The State of the Church, and Statistics—Rev. G. H. Johnston, J. J. Pennypacker, A. J. Heller, Elder P. Rupert, and J. Reamer.

Missions—Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Stauffer, H. F. Keener, Elder W. G. King, and G. W. Cribbs.

Finance—Rev. T. F. Stauffer, A. B. Koplin, Elder W. R. Barnhart, and L. L. Moore.

Orphan Home—Rev. A. Dale, T. J. Barkley, D. B. Ernst, Elder L. H. Voigt, and G. W. Cribbs.

Nominations—Rev. H. Hoffman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. B. Kniest, Elder J. Mehrweins, and J. M. Hay.

Divine Service—Rev. J. W. Love, N. P. Hacke, D. D., L. Christ, Elder W. R. Barnhart, and J. Reamer.

The Minutes of the several Classes, their reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, together with other papers, were received and referred to the respective Committees.

ARTICLE VI.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The following report was received and adopted :

The Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave respectfully to report the following items, claiming the attention of Synod :

Item 1, page 17—The appointment of a Standing Committee on Church property, W. J. Baer, Chairman.

Item 2, page 23—The apportionment of \$400 for the support of the Missionary Superintendent of Synod.

Item 3, page 23—The apportionment of \$370 for the current expenses of Synod.

Item 4, page 27—The election of three trustees of Synod's College, who are to serve for three years.

Item 5, page 28—The request of this Synod to the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 6, page 31—The election of a Trustee of Synod.

Item 7, page 31—The Committee to have the Charter of Synod legally executed, Rev. F. K. Levan, Chairman.

Item 8, page 32—The continuation of the Committee to procure the seal of Synod, Rev. F. K. Levan, Chairman.

Item 9, page 32—The case of those Ministers and Elders who absented themselves from the last annual meeting of Synod.

Item 10, page 32—The action of Synod directing the Stated Clbrk to publish a certain number of copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WIAANT, Chairman.

Item 1 was laid on the table for the present. Items 2 and 3 were referred to the Committee on Finance, after the Treasurer's report was received, which showed that the full apportionments had not been paid. Items 4 and 6 were referred to the Committee on Nominations. The result will be found in ARTICLE XIV. Item 5—The answer to this request will be found in ARTICLE XII. Items 7 and 8—The reports of these Committees will be found in ARTICLE XIV. Item 9 was laid on the table until Committee on Minutes of Classes report. Item 10—The Clerk reported that he attended to the duty.

ARTICLE VII.

OVERTURES.

The following report was received and adopted :

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following Items :

Item 1—A communication from Rev. Dr. Willers of Fayette, N. Y. which contains (1) a request that this Synod excuse him for absence from this meeting, his advanced age rendering it impossible for him to be present ; and (2) a suggestion that the Synod hold a Missionary meeting during the present session, at which addresses shall be made, and pledges secured for the cause of Missions.

Item 2—A report from the Trustees of the proposed Literary Institution.

Item 3—A communication from the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, Pa.

Item 4—A petition from the officers of St. James congregation, Twentieth Ward, Pittsburgh, asking this Synod, in view of their pressing church debt, to pay Rev. J. Voeglin \$100, which amount is still due him for services as their Pastor ; and to inform them of the action had in reference to it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, Chairman.

Item 1—Dr. Willers was excused, and his suggestion was referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 2—The report was received and adopted. It will be found in ARTICLE XIV.

Item 3—The communication was read, received and referred to the Committee on Nominations. It will be found in ARTICLE XII. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Missions.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on this subject presented their report, which was received and adopted as follows :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully beg leave to offer the following report :

PETITIONS.

Item 1—Clarion Classis requests Synod to direct its Missionary Superintendent to report annually to the General Synod's Board of Missions, in order to bring the Missions of this Synod into closer relation with, and proper acknowledgment of the operations of said Board.

Item 2—Clarion Classis respectfully requests the Synod to publish its Minutes also in the German language, for the benefit of its German members.

Item 3—Clarion and St. Paul's Classes request Synod to inform them how it wishes the Minutes of Classes arranged.

Item 4—Westmoreland Classis requests this Synod to confirm her action in regard to the division of this Classis.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 5—The Classes instruct their Treasurers to pay the apportionments placed upon them by Synod for current expenses of Synod.

Item 6—The Classes instruct their Treasurers to pay the apportionments placed upon them for the payment of the Missionary Superintendent.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 7—A complaint of Rev. A. Wanner against certain action of Westmoreland Classis.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 8—Clarion Classis received Rev. Henry Hoffman from the East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 9—St. Paul's Classis received Rev. J. A. Hoffheins from Lebanon Classis.

Item 10—Westmoreland Classis received Rev. J. W. Love from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. J. Fuendeling from Indiana Classis, the

Licentiate A. C. Geary from the Virginia Classis and ordained him to the Holy Ministry ; and dismissed Rev. C. C. Russell to Philadelphia Classis.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

Item 11—Clarion Classis meets on Thursday after Whitsuntide in 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M. in Trinity Church, Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa. ; Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, President ; Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Stated Clerk.

Item 12—St. Paul's Classis meets on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa. ; Rev. J. H. Stepler, President ; Rev. J. Kretzing, Stated Clerk.

Item 13—West New York Classis on Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in Danville, N. Y. ; Rev. Edmund Erb, President ; Rev. J. Knie, Stated Clerk.

Item 14—Westmoreland Classis has not fixed upon a place or time for the next annual meeting, in view of the proposed division.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER, Chairman.

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 2—Resolved, That we cannot see our way clear at this time to comply with the request. Item 3—Resolved, That our action of last year be and is hereby rescinded, and that the Stated Clerks of Classes be requested to present their Minutes to Synod in the journalistic form, with suitable indexes. Item 4 was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. F. K. Levan, J. A. Hoffheins, and A. B. Koplin. Their report will be found in ARTICLE XIV. Item 7 was referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. H. Hoffman, D. B. Ernst, and A. Dale. Their report will be found in ARTICLE XIV. Items 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 were adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following report was received from the Committee on this subject, and adopted :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD :

A spontaneous impulse of the human heart, when it is under the influence of divine grace, is gratitude for temporal mercies. Man is

naturally so frail, that his bosom swells with emotion of gratitude, when the few short years of his earthly pilgrimage pass over him, one by one, leaving him in the enjoyment of a sufficient degree of health and strength to take part in the work of life. The ministers of this Synod, with one accord, render thanks to the Lord, the Giver of all mercies, for life and health vouchsafed unto them, so that they have had power to obey His will, and work in His vineyard. In all our borders, the voice of thanksgiving and praise goes up to the Father of all; for there has been no famine; seed-time and harvest have not failed us; the pestilence has not devastated our homes; the sword has not slain our young men; we have been permitted to live under our own vine and fig-tree, none molesting us; none making us afraid. The temporal interests of this Synod, in the way of life, health and general prosperity, are all that could be desired. This is encouraging.

The spiritual condition of the Church within our bounds seems also to be healthful. The threefold function of the ministry is represented with considerable talent, untiring industry, and devoted piety. The Gospel is faithfully proclaimed, each minister holding from two to three services every Lord's day. The Gospel is not preached at random, but according to the deepest law of its life, the ministers unfold its true sense and meaning by taking their stand in the bosom of the Church Year, so that they may have power to present the whole plan of redemption in beautiful order, causing all the mysteries of our salvation to pass, one after the other, before the eye of faith, thus aiding the Christian in a way it cannot otherwise be done, to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason for the hope that is in him. In this way, truly, and really, can the faith of each individual Christian have substantial contents upon which to fasten, as a true anchor to the soul. The Gospel has true supernatural reality, centering in, and clustering around, the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, when made to pass before our spiritual vision in the "heavenly orbit of the Church Year." This once apprehended by faith, grace becomes as power *in* man, moving him to every good word and work. The character of the piety and practical Christian life among us certifies to the kind of Gospel that is proclaimed. The tree is known by its fruit. Where the Gospel in its free character, is brought to bear on the heart and conscience of man, it will condition his faith, his worship, his benevolence, his walk and conversation, in all the social and religious relations of life.

So also, the State of the Church is conditioned among us by the constant and faithful manner, in which the holy sacraments, the mysteries of God, are set forth and administered. Parents must see to it, that their children are baptized. "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh." "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." "Suffer the little children to come unto me." The little children are to be suffered to come to Christ. But how shall they come, except the parents bring them? The children are baptized. Not only this, but parents and pastors are engaged in training them up in the nurture of the Lord, so that now,

there are few children among us, baptized members of the Church, that do not in due time also become communicant members, and thus assume for themselves the responsibilities of the Christian life.

The Preparatory services are being attended better than in the past. The Holy Communion, the inmost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship, is approached, not only to show that there is a willingness to observe the Saviour's dying command, Do this in remembrance of me; but it is also a drawing nigh to God in these holy mysteries, that He, by His Spirit, through the Holy Sacrament of His own body and blood, may do something for us, even feed us, upon heavenly realities, unto everlasting life. These seasons of Communion are always times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and many an aged saint, with pilgrim staff in hand, as well as those in the first flush of Christian love, gather around the sacramental altars in this Synod, while the tears of penitence and faith moisten their eyes, thankful for the holy privilege of being reckoned among the company of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, Confessors and Saints of all ages, who lived in the power of the same faith, died in the Lord, and now reign with Him on high. Communion with God is communion with Him in the Church. The communion of saints holds in the fellowship of the Church. How blessed to be in such fellowship, and to be strengthened in it by the powers of the world to come.

In order that the work of the Christian salvation may be carried forward, according to the true sense and meaning of the Gospel, it is not only necessary that preaching, and administering the sacraments, should be faithfully attended to; but Church Discipline must also have its full right. There is far less stress laid upon this function of the ministry, than upon the others; and yet in its place, it is just as important for the health and prosperity of the Church, as are the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the sacraments. There is ruling done among us, but there is not enough of it done; there is regard had for the Church Discipline, but it is exercised rather as a necessity, than as a matter of duty, and from a solemn sense of obligation holding in the office of the ministry itself. The state of the Church in our borders would be sounder, more prosperous and happy, if the keys were made to have that prominence, which, in the nature of the case, they were designed to have from the beginning. The preaching of the Gospel, in its true sense and character, and the administration of the sacraments, God's ordinances, means of grace appointed for the purposes of salvation, *these* come to their full right among us; but the exercise of the kingly function of the Church needs to be elevated to the true level of a co-ordinate branch of the ministry, with the prophetic and the priestly functions, and then this Synod will be able to make still greater progress in bearing down the strongholds of sin and Satan, and in building up the saints in their most holy faith.

The work of this Synod is largely a missionary work. Many of our congregations, and a number of our charges, have been receiving aid, and still need it. There are thirteen missions and missionary points

within our bounds, now occupied, and many others might be started, if the men and the means were at hand to bring them to the birth, and nurse them until they could stand on their feet. The communicant membership numbers nearly ten thousand, and the baptized membership is about the same. The prospects are, that, if we push the work as God has given us strength to push it, we cannot only establish all the congregations now organized, but also as many more as there may be material at hand, out of which to construct them. There are fifteen young men now on the lists, studying for the ministry, ten of whom are Beneficiaries. This is well. It shows that there is a missionary spirit among us, and that there is an earnest effort being made to meet the pressing demands upon us. The great majority of the ministers of this Synod are young men; only a few sires with silvery locks, are to be seen. Old and young work early and late, in rain and shine, in cold and heat, for the common cause. There is, perhaps, no portion of the Church characterized with greater activity and buoyancy of spirit, self-denying zeal and love for the cause to which this Synod is wedded—Christ and His Church—than is apparent among us. This can be said, not in the spirit of vain boasting, but in the spirit of Him, who labored early and late for the good of the race.

Christian charity—alms-giving—is on the increase among us. If it is true, as has been assumed all through this report, that there is progress among us, a being apprehended more and more, and therefore a large apprehending of grace and life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, then also must it follow, that charity and alms-deeds must be on the increase. Last year something over six thousand dollars were reported, as flowing into the treasury; and this year just closed, the sum is almost nine thousand, showing quite an increase. Of course, there were many other charities not reported, but these show that there is progress. If this much is done, with so little effort, in comparison with the means at command, what might not be done, if each one laid by him in store *something* upon the first day of the week, as God has prospered him? The systematic plan of alms-giving, has not been introduced as yet, in many of the congregations of this Synod. That it is scriptural all admit; and we believe we give the sense of this Synod, in saying, there ought to be no rest day nor night among ministers and elders until the conviction is established in the hearts of all our members, that they ought not, and must not come up to the house of God for prayer and praise without bringing their offerings with them. When that day comes, the waste places of Zion will be speedily rebuilt, and the glory of the Lord rise upon her as in the days of old.

The Orphan Home, at Butler is now properly the child of this Synod by adoption, and it is therefore the solemn duty of the Synod to give it its general oversight and care, and particularly also to contribute towards its daily and weekly wants. No interest lies nearer the Christian heart, than the cause of the fatherless and the widow. These are God's poor, which we have always with us. By

keeping the orphan cause before our people, much can be done to cultivate that true charity, which belongs to pure and undefiled religion. Charity is the bond of perfectness. Let alms and prayers be offered up together as belonging to one and the same service, and then will greater prosperity and peace crown our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

MISSIONS.

The following report of the Missionary Superintendent for the year ending October, 1871, was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The following tabular statement will help to bring somewhat to our view the mission work of the Pittsburgh Synod:

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	APPROPRIATIONS.
Preston, Canada,	- - -	\$100 00 .
Ebenezer, N. Y.,	John Knie, - - -	75 00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Brady's Bend and Parker,	- - -	
Meadville,	D. D. Leberman, - - -	200 00
London,	E. H. Dieffenbacher, - - -	200 00

CLARION CLASSIS.

Kittanning and Emlenton,	- - -	400 00
Zion's Valley,	- - -	150 00

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Cumberland,	Charles Cast, - - -	500 00
Ursina and Dale City,	A. C. Geary, - - -	375 00
St. Paul's,	A. Krahn, - - -	500 00
Trinity,	T. F. Stauffer, - - -	500 00
St. James,	- - -	150 00
Triadelphia, W. Va.,	- - -	

Almost all these Missions are in a very promising condition; and the most of them in large and growing centres of population. None of them can yet be left to itself during the coming year, and appropriations should be made for Brady's Bend, Parker, and Triadelphia, both left blank in the foregoing statement. Several new points are

about asking for support, and prospective provision should be made for them. This Synod may congratulate itself on having within its bounds one of the best missionary fields in America, abounding in population that solicitously looks to us for support and direction. By husbanding our opportunities, and liberally using our means, we can raise in six years' time our present membership of 10,000 to at least 20,000.

Your Superintendent visited, during the year, almost the entire territory of the Synod, and many parts several times, as necessity demanded, and he must say that the greater his familiarity with the field became, the greater did his joy at the favorable prospects, and his assurance of our Divine call in it become. Let us only rise to the full measure of our privileges, and the pressing calls of our duty.

PRESTON, CANADA.

This Mission was organized by the Rev. H. Bielfeld, who has also been its pastor all along, but is now about taking charge of the Zwingli congregation at Harrisburg, Pa. He has labored here with great self-denial. The field embraces two points, Preston and Hamburg. At the latter place our people worship in the Presbyterian Church, which they have helped to build; and at the former there is some prospect that the congregation may be able to build for itself. This Mission seems to be our entering-wedge into the British Dominion, and on that account has special claims upon our fostering care. To get an efficient man the appropriation ought to be raised from \$100 to \$200.

EBENEZER, NEW YORK.

This Charge is a child of Zion's congregation in Buffalo. For some time past Rev. John Knie has labored here with success. Until lately the General Board sustained him, but now the Mission is transferred to our own care. The congregation has subscribed liberally for the building of a new, suitable house of worship, but looks to us for an appropriation of \$75 00.

MEADVILLE, PA.

The congregation in this thriving city seems to be making steady progress. It has a large fine brick church, and a growing population to work upon. Appropriation \$200.

LONDON, PA.

I regret to report that owing to continued ill health, the missionary of this charge, Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, has felt himself constrained to resign. He has done a good work, and while it is hoped a worthy successor may soon be found, the prayers of many will be offered for his own speedy restoration. Owing to new mineral developments in the vicinity of the congregations of this charge, there is prospect of a growth of population, and so of the membership. The appropriation should continue at \$200.

BRADY'S BEND AND PARKER.

To the Rev. C. A. Limberg is due the credit of organizing the congregation at Brady's Bend, and bringing it to its present flourishing condition. It is now proposed to connect with it Parker, a thriving oil town of several thousand inhabitants, on the Allegheny river. This will be a most promising field in the hands of a right-spirited pastor, who is an immediate necessity. The appropriation must be at least \$100 : and may need to be from that on anywhere up to \$300.

KITTANNING AND EMLENTON.

After many years of struggling we have now a suitable church, and a promising congregation, at Kittanning, the county seat of Armstrong county. It is proposed to connect with it the congregation at Emlenton, higher up the river. This latter town is growing fast, and now is the time to strengthen our interests there, which is already quite respectable. A pastor is wanted at once. The Clarion Classis, and your Superintendent, have agreed that an allowance of \$400 should be made to this charge.

ZION'S VALLEY, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PA.

This is a new charge constituted by Clarion Classis. The congregation from which it takes its name, was brought to its present flourishing condition, and the new church built, under the superintendence of Rev. T. F. Stauffer. At one or two other points in connection with it, it is presumed organizations may gradually be formed, and thus the good work widened as well as a self-sustaining field constituted. Rev. J. Grant has received and accepted a call, with an allowance of \$150 from the Missionary Treasury.

TRIADELPHIA, WEST VIRGINIA.

This is a new Mission, organized through the active efforts of Rev. J. Fuendeling, of Wheeling, who is still its supply. The congregation, St. Paul's, has bought the Methodist Church, and is reconstructing it after the more German churchly style. Seventeen families have so far been gathered. The town in which it is located lies both along the National Turnpike and the Hempfield Railroad. An effort is now making to secure a permanent pastor, who probably will succeed in gathering the scattered Germans in neighboring communities. I would recommend an appropriation of \$150. We have here an outpost in a most promising section of country hitherto unoccupied by us.

PITTSBURGH. PA.

In this great city, in which Father Weber, who laid the foundation of our Church within the bounds of this Synod, already organized a congregation in 1783, and which has since been allowed to pass out of our communion, we have at present two Missions, with a third right along its border.

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Mission, has since become one of our most flourishing, self-supporting charges; I mean the congregation at Frostburg. The present German congregation at Cumberland was gathered by the Frostburg pastor, Rev. J. Ruhl; and raised to the ninety members it now has by the labors of the efficient Missionary, Rev. C. Cast. The Presbyterian Church, in the heart of that growing city, has been purchased, and if the first payment of \$2,000, next month, can be met, the congregation will doubtless soon be a complete success. The appropriation is \$500.

This hurried Synopsis of the work in this Synod speaks for itself. *Thirteen Missions*; some having two or three congregations; with an outlay bordering on \$4,000. Considering our youth as a Synod, and our limited membership, compared with the other Synods, let us thank God for what he has enabled us to do. At the last Classical Meetings ample provision was made for seeing all these stations safe through the present year. Let every one do his allotted share, and not a dollar will be wanting.

I should here add that quite a number of places have made application to me, during the year, asking our fostering care; but, partly for lack of suitable men as pastors, and partly for lack of means, I could not effectively serve them.

In West Virginia I may mention Grafton and Parkersburg.

At Bellaire, Ohio, just below Wheeling, Bro. Fuendeling and myself were at the point of succeeding with the establishment and permanent supply of a congregation, when, by a sharp movement of an English element there, we were, for the time, defeated.

By the active aid of the pastor at Buffalo, N. Y., the ground was prepared, during my last visit, for the formation of a society, with the view of buying a lot and erecting a chapel for a second church in that flourishing city. The movement should now be steadily pushed onward.

The congregation at Johnstown, Pa., is still without a pastor; not because we have no prospects there, but because we are disabled by the possession of an unsuitable and unsaleable church property.

Your Superintendent has traveled much, during the year, over the large territory of the Synod. He has traveled nearly 4,000 miles by railroad, on work connected with his office; and has given to it three-fourths of the Sundays in the year, and well nigh one third his week-day time. The amount of labor required proved much greater than the Synod seems to have contemplated at its last annual meeting, when it held that one-fourth of the year, divided into parts over the whole, would meet the case. It has, however, been cheerfully done, and has carried with it largely, all the time, its own reward. Wherever I could lend a helping hand, not only to the Missions proper, but also to vacant charges, and to pastors in their fields of labor, I refused no request, if time and strength admitted of my service.

Our missionary efforts need a common organization; simple, harmonious, and equal to the demands made upon it. How may this be secured? I would suggest the following method as involving substantially the indispensable conditions of success throughout our entire field, in the blessed work:

1. Our Missionary operations must be Synodical, primarily; Classical, secondarily. Thus, bearing each other's burdens, the weak will become strong, and the strong stronger.

2. Let the general work be put into the hands of a Missionary Committee, small in the number of its members, and responsible to this Synod. Let there also be a Superintendent of Missions in each Classis, who, with respect to the work within his Classis, shall be a full member of said Committee.

3. The amount of money needed for the coming year, must be approximately ascertained by Synod, and apportioned among the several Classes. The Classes apportion their respective amounts among their charges, at the next annual meeting. The charges pay to the Treasurer of their Classis, and he to the Treasurer of Synod, who shall be, *ex-officio*, the general Missionary Treasurer of the Synod.

4. The Committee on Missions shall have power, at their discretion, to collect backstanding missionary dues in any of the charges in which they occur.

5. Among the specific duties of the Committee on Missions, shall be the designation or approval of Mission Stations and congregations, and the sums to be appropriated to them severally, their amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for the year, by the Synod; and a general care and supervision of the work, singular, and as a whole.

6. The Committee of Missions shall also furnish the General Board of Missions, annually, with a full statement of their operations; and cause all moneys in their hands, not needed within the bounds of this Synod, to be paid into the treasury of the General Board.

Yours, respectfully,

F. K. LEVAN,

Missionary Superintendent.

The Committee on Missions presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents have come into their hands:

1. A communication from Rev. Dr. Willers asking Synod to hold a Missionary Festival.

2. Clarion Classis requests Synod to direct its Missionary Superintendent to report annually to the General Synod's Board of Missions.

3. The annual report of the Superintendent of Missions.

4. A petition from St. James congregation, Twentieth Ward, Pittsburgh, asking the appropriation of \$100, toward the salary still due Rev. Voeglin, their former Pastor.

Having considered all matters referred to it, and the general subject, your Committee would recommend the following action :

1. Resolved, That Synod hold a missionary festival on Monday evening, the proceeds to be appropriated to Cumberland Mission.

2. Resolved, That Synod reiterate so much of last year's action as is contained in the first two resolutions of that action.

3. Resolved, That Synod annually apportion such amount upon the several Classes, and the Classes upon the several Charges, as will be necessary to meet the demands of the cause during the succeeding year, and that these amounts shall be paid to the Treasurer of Synod by the Classical Treasurers.

4. Resolved, That the Superintendent of Missions shall also furnish the General Board of Missions annually with a full statement of the Mission work of Synod.

5. Resolved, That the salary of the Missionary Superintendent shall be \$1,000 per annum, and \$150 per annum for traveling expenses.

6. Resolved, That Synod grant the request of the St. James congregation of Pittsburgh.

7. Resolved, That the several Classes be requested to acquiesce in this plan of carrying on our Mission work.

8. Resolved, That the Synod urges all its members to use earnest efforts to awaken and cultivate in the hearts of our people a zealous and self-sacrificing missionary spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, Chairman.

The Missionary Festival was held on Monday evening. The addresses were delivered, according to the appointment of Synod, by Rev. J. B. Kniest, F. K. Levan, and J. I. Swander. A collection was taken up, and pledges received, for the benefit of Cumberland Mission.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of \$100 to the St. James Congregation of Pittsburgh..

The Rev. GEO. H. JOHNSTON was elected Missionary Superintendent, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to make out and forward him a call.

The apportionment of the amount necessary for our mission points on the several Classes was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. F. K. Levan, J. F. Wiant, and J. I. Swander, who presented the following report :

Your Committee on the apportionment for Missions would report as follows : They have carefully examined the prospective demands upon the Treasury for which provision should be made at the next annual meetings of the several Classes, and find the whole amount to be \$3,600. They have divided this sum among the Classes on the basis of their communicant membership respectively : Clarion, \$885 ; St. Paul's, \$885 ; Westmoreland, \$1,530 ; and West New York, \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, Chairman.

The report was received, and then referred to the Missionary Superintendent and his advisers, with discretionary powers.

ARTICLE XI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance :

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Jany. 21,	Rec'd from Rev. J. G. Shoemaker,	- -	\$30 00
Feb. 4,	" " Westmoreland Classis,	-	66 00
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March 12,	" " Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo,	-	48 46
June 10,	" " St. Paul's Classis,	- -	90 00
" 13,	" " Clarion " "	- -	50 31
Aug. 8,	" " St. John's Charge, Butler,	-	5 38
July 17,	" " West New York Classis,	-	16 55
Oct. 16,	" " J. G. Shoemaker, Clarion,	-	90 00
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1871.

Jany. 25,	Paid for Minutes of Synod, W. S. Haven,	\$103 35
April 8,	" Rev. W. E. Krebs,	- - - 17 00
June 13,	" Rev. F. K. Levan,	- - - 200 00
Sept. 14,	" Rev. W. E. Krebs,	- . - 20 00
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Balance October 20, 1871, in hands of Treasurer Synod. \$ 92 04

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. SCHMERTZ, Treasurer.

The following Resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to open accounts with the respective Classes.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows :

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following report : The items referred to the Committee are as follows : Items 2 and 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod ; the Treasurer's report ; items 5 and 6 of the report on Missions ; \$100 for Synodical expenses ; and \$140 for printing Minutes of Synod.

In consideration of the above items the Committee offer the following :

1. We have audited the Treasurer's account and find it correct :

2. From the report of the Treasurer, and items 2 and 3 of the report on Minutes of Synod, we find that the following amounts are yet due the Synod from the several Classes, viz. : from Westmoreland Classis, \$223 31 ; from Clarion Classis, \$5 ; and from St. Paul's Classis, \$99 62. In view of this fact, be it *Resolved*, That these Classes be instructed to meet these deficits at as early date as possible.

3. Resolved, That the following apportionments upon the different Classes be made : \$650 to Westmoreland Classis ; \$350 to Clarion Classis ; \$350 to St. Paul's Classis ; and \$150 to West New York Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

The following Resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be elected annually immediately after the election of a Trustee of Synod.

W. E. SCHMERTZ was re-elected Treasurer of Synod for the ensuing year.

A special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. J. Pennypacker, F. Wise, and Elder W. G. King, was appointed to collect 25 cents from each member of Synod for the remuneration of the sexton. The committee subsequently reported that they had collected the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents. They were ordered to pay it to the sexton.

ARTICLE XII.

ORPHAN HOME.

The following is the communication received from St. Paul's Orphan Home :

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH :

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphan Home held at Butler on June 14th, 1871, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

Resolved, That the action of this Board whereby the Classis of Westmoreland, St. Paul's, and Clarion were requested to elect this Board of Directors be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the following Article be now added to the By-laws of the Board : ARTICLE 12. This Board shall consist of sixteen members who shall be elected by the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its annual meeting in October, A. D. 1871 ; four of said Directors to serve for four years ; four to serve for three ; four to serve for two ; and four to serve for one year—and four to serve for four years at every annual meeting thereafter. Should the Synod for any cause fail to elect at any annual meeting, the Directors still continuing in office shall fill the vacancies for that year. Seven shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved, That the Directors elected by the said Synod at its annual meeting A. D. 1871 shall go into office at the following annual meeting of this Board.

Correct copy from the Minutes.

T. J. CRAIG, Secretary.

Your Committee on Nominations having reported a double number of candidates, an election was held by ballot, which resulted in the choice of the following persons as Directors of the Home.

Rev. J. F. Wiant, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Rev. F. K. Levan, for four years.

W. E. Schmertz, C. M. Boush, Rev. C. A. Limberg, and Rev. J. I. Swander, for three years.

T. J. Craig, C. Siebert, L. H. Voigt, and Rev. A. Dale, for two years, and

Rev. W. E. Krebs, Rev. J. B. Kniest, Rev. J. F. Snyder, and Rev. D. D. Leberman, for one year.

The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee on the St. Paul's Orphan Home would respectfully beg leave to offer the following report :

The enterprise of an Orphan Home was begun with much fear and trembling. The blessing of Him who is a Father to the fatherless has been upon this Institution much beyond our expectation and our faith. The cost of the property purchased was \$8,000. This has all been paid. The value of this property has risen since the time of purchase so that it is now worth more than \$30,000, or four times its first cost.

The St. Paul's Orphan Home opened with the introduction of three orphans. The number has steadily grown until it has reached thirty-nine. There is a number of applications for admission of still other orphans into the Home, so that it will continue to grow until it shall accomplish its whole work according to its capacity.

Thus far ample provision, in food and clothing, has always been at hand. Our people have done this freely without special efforts, further than to make a plain statement of what was needed.

The health of the inmates of the Home has been excellent. There has not been a single death among the orphans in all these years. Truly this is a matter that calls for our gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

Many repairs were needed on the buildings and on the grounds. Some, such as roofing the main building and verandas, repairing chimneys, wells, cistern ; also of the barn, with other minor matters, were made at an expense of nearly one thousand dollars. Many repairs are yet needed for the proper preservation of the property, and for the health, comfort, and convenience of its inmates. Considerable expense will have to be incurred for making provision for other orphans yet to be received. Therefore, to carry on our Home successfully, we must not relax our efforts in the least degree. Our people should be kept informed of its workings and its wants, that they may become properly interested, and give of their means, and thus realize the blessings promised to those who visit the fatherless ; remembering also the words of the Saviour, where He says, " Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Your Committee, therefore, would suggest the following action :

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the St. Paul's Orphan Home to the sympathies and prayers of our pastors and people.

Resolved, That at our Christmas Festivals, special collections be taken, and that these be devoted to the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. DALE, Chairman.

ARTICLE XIII.

DIVINE SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Divine Service, beg leave to offer the following report :

Preaching in the 2nd Reformed Church, on Thursday evening, by Rev. L. D. Steckel; Friday evening, by Rev. J. B. Thompson; Saturday afternoon, Preparatory service, Rev. J. F. Wiant; Saturday evening, Rev. Abner Dale; Sunday morning, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker; Sunday evening, Rev. D. B. Ernst; Sunday School meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon, addresses by Elder Boush and Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.

1st Reformed Church, (Dr. Hacke's), Saturday afternoon, sermon in German, by Rev. J. B. Kniest, in English, by Rev. C. C. Russell; Sunday morning, in German, by Rev. A. Krahn, in English, by Rev. A. B. Koplin.

United Brethren Church, Sunday morning, Rev. F. K. Levan; evening, Rev. J. Kretzing.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday evening, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, Rev. G. H. Johnston; evening, Rev. D. D. Leberman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Chairman.

The following Resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Synod recommends to the Classes embraced within its bounds, to instruct its Ministers not as a rule to make appointments for service in their Congregations or Charges on the Lord's day, on which the Classes or Synod are in session, by which they absent themselves from the Classical or Synodical Communion.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FORMATION OF NEW CLASSES.

The special Committee appointed to report on the petition coming up from Westmoreland Classis in reference to a division of said Classis, and the formation of new Classes in connection with the territory ceded for the purpose by St. Paul's Classis, offered the following, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on the subject of the division of the Classes of St. Paul and Westmoreland would report as follows :

1. Resolved, That the request of these Classes be granted.
2. Resolved, That the territory of the present Westmoreland Classis, except Cambria County, East of the Laurel Hill be constituted the CLASSIS OF SOMERSET; and that it be directed to hold its first annual meeting in Salem Church, Frostburg, Md., on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m., and that the Rev. Wm. Rupp preside at its organization.
3. Resolved, That the Allegheny river to the line of Allegheny County, and thence along the Eastern border of that county shall be the boundary between the Classis of Westmoreland and the new CLASSIS OF ALLEGHENY, between which and the St. Paul's Classis the boundary shall be the lower line of Mercer County, Pa.
4. Resolved, That the Classis of Westmoreland shall hold its annual meeting in the Reformed Church at Salem, on the first Thursday in June 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m., and that the Rev. L. B. Leasure preside at its organization.
5. Resolved, That the Classis of Allegheny shall hold its first annual meeting in the First Reformed Church, Allegheny City, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. and that the Rev. F. K. Levan preside at its organization.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, Chairman.

On the adoption of the first Resolution the Yeas and Nays were called for. They are as follows :

YEAS—Rev. F. Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, J. J. Pennypacker, C. R. Dieffenbacher, E. H. Dieffenbacher, J. A. Hoffheins, J. Kretzing, A. Dale, D. D. Leberman, C. A. Limberg, H. C. Heyser, A. B. Koplin, H. F. Keener, T. F. Stauffer, J. Ruhl, W. E. Krebs, J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, A. C. Geary, C. C. Russell, F. K. Levan, J. B. Kniest, Elders George W. Cribbs, L. L. Moore, C. M. Boush, Samuel Hunsicker, Isaac Shupe, J. Biesecker, Jacob Hershey, W. R. Barnhart, John Musser, and Thomas H. Brinker—Total, 32.

NAYS—Rev. J. F. Wiant, H. Hoffman, N. P. Hacke, D. D., T. J. Barkley, J. F. Snyder, H. E. F. Voigt, Elders Philip Rupert, James Hill, D. L. Kamerer, and L. H. Voigt—Total, 10.

PUBLICATION.

The attention of the Synod having been called to the fact that it has no Church Paper of its own to represent its interests, a special Committee, consisting of Rev. G. H. Johnston, J. B. Kniest, D. B. Ernst, Elder Wm. G. King and Wm. R. Barnhart, was appointed, to take this subject into consideration, and report a minute thereon to Synod. They presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows :

The Committee appointed to report on the publication interests of Synod offer the following :

Our Synod, in virtue of its location between the East and the West, having no College or Seminary within its bounds, and no publishing house or Church Organ, of its own, through which to represent its history and mission before the church and the world, feels itself in somewhat of an isolated condition. The Constitution assumes, that each Synod shall pay attention to the education of young men for the Ministry, shall have some publication facilities, and some organ, or organs, through which it shall be represented. Educational and publication facilities a Synod must have, either as its own property, or else the advantages which these interests afford for the prosperity of the church embraced within its bounds, must be accessible through the educational and publication establishments of another Synod, or Synods, of the Church. Without these advantages, no Synod can do

the work contemplated in its organization. The question suggests itself, whether it were not best, if the Reformed Church in the United States had but one College, one Seminary, one English Paper and Publishing House, one German Paper and Publishing House, and one English, and one German Sunday School Paper. If the Church were well represented by one central establishment, comprehending these several interests under one controlling headship, animated by one spirit, whose genius would give shape and direction to all these members and functions necessary to do the work of the Church, it might be better for the peace and prosperity of our Zion than it is under existing circumstances. Then there would be no need for each Synod to spend so much of its time and talent in "serving tables."

But we must deal with things as they lie before us, doing what seems to be best. The following is proposed, possibly best calculated to meet our wants at this time :

1. Resolved, That this Synod hereby respectfully overtures the General Synod to consider the expediency of taking the necessary steps to concentrate the publishing interests of the Church in one establishment.

2. Resolved, That this Synod hereby respectfully overtures the Eastern Synod to take such action as will in the meantime give this Synod some representation in the "Reformed Church Messenger," by making provision that it be represented in the editorial committee of that paper, the persons to be designated by this Synod.

3. Resolved, That the Eastern Synod be, and is hereby requested to make a similar arrangement with regard to the German papers.

4. Resolved, That an editorial committee of three, two English and one German, be elected at this meeting, who shall hereby be authorized to make the necessary arrangements with the Eastern Board of Publication, in case the above overture be favorably responded to by the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Elder J. David Miller was requested to lay this action before the Eastern Synod at its present meeting in Pottstown.

The election of the editorial committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations. That Committee reported a double number of candidates, and an election by ballot was held, when the following persons were chosen as the editorial committee:

Rev. W. E. Krebs, Rev. F. K. Levan, for the English, and Rev. J. B. Kniest, for the German Paper.

INCORPORATION.

The following report of a special Committee appointed last year was received and adopted :

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of having the Charter, adopted by the Synod, confirmed by an Act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that they have successfully discharged that duty. At the suggestion of Speaker Wallace of the Senate, one or two technical changes were made. The Charter appears as bill No. 794, page 881, of the pamphlet laws of the State for the year 1871.

The Committee incurred an expense of twenty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, Chairman.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the above expenses of the Committee.

The annual election of one Trustee of Synod was held by ballot, the Committee on Nominations having reported two candidates, which resulted in the choice of C. M. Boush, to serve for five years.

The Board of Trustees subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Board of Trustees of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met in the Second Reformed Church at Greensburg, Pa. Present, J. I. Swander, J. B. Kniest. C. M. Boush. On motion, C. M. Boush was elected President of the Board. On motion, J. B. Kniest was elected Vice President and Secretary of the Board.

It was on motion resolved that the terms of office for the members of this Board be as follows : C. M. Boush, five years ; W. E. Schmertz, four years ; J. B. Kniest, three years ; J. I. Swander, two years ; and George Reiter, sr., one year.

The Minutes of this session of the Board were read, as above recorded, and approved.

C. M. BOUSH, President.
J. B. KNIEST, Secretary.

GREENSBURG, PA., October 24, 1871.

The following report of a spécial Committee appointed last year, was received and adopted :

Your Committee appointed to procure a suitable seal for this Synod would report as follows: We selected for the design the figure of a Dove bearing an Olive Branch, with the words, "THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1870," surrounding the same. Both the seal and a suitable press for it are now at the disposal of Synod. The expense incurred amounts to \$9.40.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN, Chairman.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the above expenses of the Committee.

LITERARY INSTITUTION.

The following report was received and adopted :

The Trustees of the proposed Literary Institution, elected at the last meeting of Synod, beg leave to report, that they held two meetings during the year. At the first meeting, held, according to the instructions of Synod, in Pittsburgh on the 28th day of December last, five of the nine Trustees were present. They organized by the election of Rev. T. J. Barkley as President, and Rev. W. E. Krebs as Secretary. At this meeting, B. Wolff, jr., one of the Trustees elected for two years, sent in his declination, which was accepted, and Cyrus Elder, Esq., of Johnstown, elected in his place. At the same meeting, different Committees were appointed to prepare a form of a Charter of Incorporation, and to look for a location for the proposed Institution. An Agent was also appointed to collect funds.

The second meeting of the Trustees was held in Pittsburgh on the 7th of March last. There were again but five members present. The Committee, appointed for the purpose, presented a form of a Charter. Pending the adoption of the same, the Board adjourned until the afternoon. On re-assembling, there was found to be no quorum present. The minority could do no more than adjourn to meet at the call of the President. Since then no meeting has been held.

It will be seen therefore that the Board labored under the difficulty of getting the Trustees together in a full meeting. Consequently very little has been done during the year in the way of carrying out this important enterprise. No Agent to collect funds has yet been secured. It must however be remembered that an enterprise of this kind cannot be started at once, but requires time to be successfully carried out. It is of the utmost importance that such men should be

chosen as Trustees who are able and willing to bestow proper time and attention on the work intrusted into their hands.

The term of three of the Trustees expires at this meeting of Synod, which must be filled by the election of others, to serve for three years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, Secretary.

The Committee on Nominations having reported a double number of candidates, an election by ballot was held, which resulted in the choice of the following persons as Trustees of the Literary Institution, to serve for three years :

Rev. T. J. Barkley, Rev. F. K. Levan, and Rev. J. I. Swander.

THE REFORMATION.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we recommend to our Ministers and Congregations the regular celebration of the Reformation festival on the Sunday nearest to the 31st day of October, in order that the important results of this blessed era of the Christian Church may from time to time be presented to our people, endearing to them the church of their fathers.

COMPLAINT.

The following is the report of the Committee on this subject, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on the complaint of Rev. A. Wanner against the action of Westmoreland Classis, would respectfully report that the complainant failed to lodge with the President of Classis the reason of his complaint, and has not appeared to sustain it. It is therefore out of order.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOFFMAN, Chairman.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was received and adopted, and the time was fixed for the election. The tickets were printed, at the cost of one dollar, which the Treasurer was authorized to pay. The election was

held, Rev. J. J. Pennypacker and L. B. Leasure having been appointed tellers. The result has already been recorded in the respective places.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination reported that no applications came before them.

During the course of the sessions a special Committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Rev. D. B. Ernst, J. I. Swander, and J. F. Wiant, who reported from time to time as applications came before them. They were instructed to report no one for leave of absence except on account of sickness in themselves or families, or business over which they have no control.

INVITATION.

Synod received an invitation to visit the public schools of Greensburg. The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That in view of a press of business we respectfully decline the invitation.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastors of the Reformed Churches of Greensburg, to their congregations, and to other citizens, for the kindness and hospitality shown the members of Synod during its sessions, and that the Pastors of these congregations be requested to read this action from their pulpits.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are hereby given to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, for the favor of passing members over their roads at reduced fares.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Synod, at its next annual meeting, be composed of all the Ministers within its bounds, and one Elder from each pastoral Charge.

ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH, GREENVILLE, PA., was selected as the place, and THURSDAY after the 19th Sunday after Trinity, (Oct. 10), A. D., 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., as the time for the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Minntes of each day's proceedings were read and approved, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies published in the English language, and distribute them as last year.

The roll was called and none found absent without excuse.

Adjourned, after divine service, to meet at the place and time appointed.

J. G. SHOEMAKER, President.

WALTER E. KREBS, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WALTER E. KREBS, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Willers, D. D.	Fayette	106	50	35	1	85	..	12	2	70	Fayette, N. Y.
J. B. Kniest.	Zion's	38	475	45	3	36	..	20	1	240	" Buffalo
H. Bentz.	Clarence	18	..	..	..	95	..	..	1	65	" Clarence,
John Knie.	Ebenezer	9	70	14	9	82	..	2	1	70	" Ebenezer,
Edmund Erb.	Dansville	10	40	4	..	45	..	6	2	48	" Dansville,
C. Kuss.	Rochester	47	62	6	7	47	..	1	1	140	" Rochester,
H. Bielfeld.	Preston	168	88	8	..	65	..	1	1	36	Preston, C. W.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Communications.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.
CLARION.....	9	81	2,157	1,059	249	126	34	1,739	...	18	51	17	848	\$2,695 05
St. PAUL'S.....	14	80	2,338	2,071	284	178	82	2,068	...	38	57	29	1,571	2,271 11
WESTMORELAND.....	22	58	4,185	3,717	361	292	120	3,479	...	67	78	34	2,015	2,745 22
WEST NEW YORK.....	9	12	1,071	785	112	56	...	779	...	...	42	9	669	344 81
Total.....	52	131	9,751	7,632	1,006	652	236	8,065	...	123	228	89	5,108	8,056 19
Eastern Synod, 13 Classes.	278	675	86,660	44,043	8,801	5,050	1834	71,593	28	976	2980	579	37,085	45,321 25
Ohio Synod, 8 Classes....	128	294	19,791	10,941	1,892	1,754	613	17,133	135	290	434	184	11,740	7,257 08
North W. Synod, 7 Classes	108	177	11,222	9,006	1,540	794	532	9,167	52	181	299	120	3,500	5,840 46
Grand Total.....	566	1277	127,424	71,622	13,239	8,250	3215	105,958	215	1480	3941	972	57,428	66,474 98

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH in the United States assembled, in General Convention, in the Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa., on Thursday, the 10th day of October, A. D., 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until Tuesday, the 15th day of the month, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was opened with divine service, the sermon being preached by the President, Rev. J. G. SHOEMAKER, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew xiii., 33.

In the absence of the Stated Clerk, Rev. W. E. KREBS, Rev. J. A. HOFFHEINS was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Clarion Classis—Rev. F. Wise,⁴ J. G. Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. J. Pennypacker,[‡] J. F. Wiant, J. Grant, Elder George Hearich,⁴ Thomas Armagost, John Long,² Samuel Frantz, and W. G. King.

² Obtained leave of absence on Saturday Afternoon.

⁴ Obtained leave of absence on Monday Afternoon
[‡] Appeared on Saturday Morning.

St. Paul's Classis—Rev. D. B. Ernst, J. Kretzing, D. D. Leberman,†2 C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. H. Stepler, E. H. Dieffenbacher, F. Wall,† H. C. Heyser, J. Fuendeling, J. B. Poerner,3 Elder Joseph Seiple, George W. Kribbs,2 C. M. Boush,† and Charles Beitz.†

Allegheny Classis—Rev. A. Dale,† F. K. Levan,* C. A. Limberg,* T. J. Barkley,* G. B. Massalsky,4 A. Krahn,3 J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Thompson,† Dr. G. W. Muelder,*1 G. B. Russell, Elder Jacob Ellenberger,†8 T. J. Craig,† George Suloff, and Jeremiah Hartlieb.1

Westmoreland Classis—Rev. J. F. Snyder,* J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, D. B. Lady,* L. B. Leasure, Elder W. R. Barnhart,† George Fritz, and William Weitsel.*

Somerset Classis—Rev. G. H. Johnston, W. Rupp, H. F. Keener, A. E. Truxal, Elder John Suter, and M. Brubaker.5

West New-York Classis—None.

ADVISORY MEMBERS—Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, from East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. C. U. Heilman, from Lancaster Classis; Elders Samuel Richstein, ——— Siedel, from St. Paul's Classis; and J. David Miller, from Philadelphia Classis.

VISITORS—Revs. McKee, Ulery, Roth and Gilbert, of Thiel College; Rev. J. R. Brittain, of the U. P. Church; and Rev. M. Kugler, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. WILLIAM RUPP was elected President; REV. L. B. LEASURE, Corresponding Secretary; WM. E. SCHMERTZ, Treasurer; REV. W. E. KREBS having resigned, REV. J. A. HOFFHEINS was elected Stated Clerk.

* Appeared on Friday Morning.

† Appeared on Friday Afternoon.

‡ Appeared on Saturday Morning.

1 Obtained leave of absence on Saturday Morning.

2 Obtained leave of absence on Saturday Afternoon.

3 Obtained leave of absence on Monday Morning.

4 Obtained leave of absence on Monday Afternoon.

5 Obtained leave of absence on Tuesday Morning.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of these was dispensed with by resolution of Synod.
The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at 1½ and close at 4 o'clock.

An Evening Session was held on Monday.

The bar of the House was defined by the President.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

These were appointed by the President as follows:

Minutes of Synod—Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. O. Shoemaker, J. Kretzing, and Elders John Long and Samuel Frantz.

Overtures—Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, J. Grant, and Elders George Rearich and George W. Kribbs.

Minutes of Classis—Rev. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, J. Kretzing, and Elders George Suloff and Jeremiah Hartlieb.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination—Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, G. B. Russell, G. H. Johnston, and Elders Thomas Armagost and W. G. King.

State of the Church and Statistics—Rev. T. J. Barkley, F. K. Levan, D. B. Ernst, and Elders J. Suter and G. Fritz.

Missions—Rev. J. Kretzing, G. B. Russell, J. F. Wiant and Elders M. Brubaker and J. Seiple.

Finance—Rev. G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley, G. H. Johnston, and Elders J. Suter and G. Fritz.

Orphan Home—Rev. J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, C. A. Limberg, and Elders W. G. King and J. Long.

MINUTES OF THE

Nominations—Rev. H. J. Teemer, J. J. Shoemaker, D. B. Ledy, and Elders M. Bernharter and J. Long.

Junior Session—Rev. J. L. Hoffmeyer, A. Krann, L. B. Ledy, and Elders J. L. Ledy and J. W. Kribbs.

Session—Rev. F. K. Ledy, J. W. Ledy, J. J. Shoemaker, and Elders V. A. Bernharter and T. J. Craig.

Adjournment—Rev. J. W. Ledy, J. H. Johnston, F. K. Ledy, and Elders C. Suloff and T. J. Craig.

The Minutes of the several Classes, their reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, together with their papers, were received and referred to the respective Committees.

ARTICLE VI.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The following report was received and adopted:

Our Committee beg leave to submit the following items:

Item 1, page 19. A resolution directing Synod to make an annual apportionment upon the several Classes for Missions.

Item 2, page 19. Is the election of Rev. J. H. Johnston as Missionary Superintendent.

Item 3, page 19. The several Classes are requested to acquiesce in Synod's plan of Missionary operations.

Item 4, page 20. An apportionment upon the several Classes for Missions of \$2,600.00.

Item 5, page 21. Synod's instruction to the Treasurer to open accounts with the several Classes.

Item 6, page 21. Is an apportionment of \$1,500.00 upon the several Classes.

Item 7, page 20. The election of four Directors of the Orphan Home.

Item 8, page 27. Is the election of an Editorial Committee.

Item 9, page 28. The election of a Trustee of Synod.

Item 10, page 30. The election of a Trustee of the proposed Literary Institution.

Item 11, page 32. Synod's instruction to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, Chairman.

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Missions. Items 3, 4 and 6 were laid on the table until the Committee of Minutes of Classes report. Item 5 was laid on the table until the Treasurer of Synod reports. Items 7, 9 and 10 were referred to the Committee on Nominations. Item 8 was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Love, G. H. Johnston, and Elder G. Suloff. This Committee was afterwards, with the addition of Rev. F. K. Levan and Elder T. J. Craig, constituted the Standing Committee on Publication. Item 11 attended to.

ARTICLE VII.

OVERTURES.

The report was received and adopted as follows :

Your Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following documents :

Item 1. A communication from Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church.

Item 2. A communication from the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. J. B. Kniest, calling the attention of Synod to a resolution of West New-York Classis, requesting to be dismissed to the proposed German Synod.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. J. B. Kniest, directing Synod's attention to an action of West New-York Classis in reference to Synodical assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. DIEFFENBACHER, Chairman.

Item 1—The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, was commended to the favorable consideration of our Ministers and Congregations. Item 2—Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. Fuendeling, F. K. Levan and Elder J. Suter—see page 31. Items 3 and 4 were laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes report.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, which was received and adopted as follows :

I. REQUESTS.

1. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to define more particularly the Northern and Eastern boundary of Allegheny Classis.

2. St. Paul's Classis requests to be released from Synod's assessment of \$885.00 for Missions.

3. Somerset Classis requests Synod to grant the Pastor at Frostburg, Md., permission to collect \$1000 within its bounds, to pay the debt on the Salem Reformed Church at that place.

4. A request from the West New York Classis to be dismissed for the purpose of uniting with other Classes in forming a German Synod.

5. A request from the same Classis to be relieved from part of the Synodical Assessment.

II. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

6. Rev. H. C. Heyser complains to this Synod against the action of St. Paul's Classis, dissolving the pastoral relation between him and the Shenango Charge.

III. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

7. All the Classes adopted the plan of Synod in carrying forward the Missionary work.

8. All the Classes adopted Synod's recommendation in regard to Ministers making appointments in their charges, by which they absent themselves from the Classical or Synodical Communion.

9. Somerset Classis assumes the amount assessed upon her for Missions of Synod.

10. Somerset Classis recommends Synod to change the time fixed for celebrating the Reformation Festival, to the Sunday nearest the 19th day of January, or to some other day immediately connected with the History of the Reformed Church.

11. Westmoreland Classis obligates herself to raise only \$450 of the \$830 assessed upon her by Synod.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

12. Allegheny Classis received Rev. C. Knepper, from Clarion Classis.

13. Clarion Classis dismissed Rev. C. Knepper to Allegheny Classis, and received Rev. James Grant from the Westmoreland Classis.

14. Somerset Classis received the Licentiate A. E. Truxal from Westmoreland Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

15. St. Paul's Classis received Rev. J. W. Ebbinghans from Maryland Classis, Rev. J. Fuendeling from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. B. Thompson from Miami Classis, Rev. F. A. Edmonds from Illinois Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. B. Poerner to the Evangelical Church, Germany.

16. Westmoreland Classis licensed F. C. Trapp, J. B. Welty and A. E. Truxal, and ordained F. C. Trapp and J. B. Welty to the Holy Ministry. Received Rev. C. Cast from Indiana Classis, Dr. G. J. W. Muelder from the Classis of Bentheim, Embden Coetus, Germany, Licentiate D. B. Lady, from Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry. Dismissed Rev. J. Grant to the Clarion Classis, Rev. A. C. Geary to Mercersburg Classis, Rev. A. J. Heller to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J. Fuendeling to St. Paul's Classis, the Lic. A. E. Truxal to Somerset Classis, Rev. W. E. Krebs to Lancaster Classis, and suspended Rev. F. C. Trapp from the Holy Ministry.

V. PLACE AND TIME OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

17. Allegheny Classis meets in St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Thursday, May 15th, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *President*, and Rev. T. F. Stouffer, *Stated Clerk*.

18. Clarion Classis meets in St. Luke's Church, Curlesville Charge, Clarion Co., Pa., on Ascension day, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; Rev. H. Hoffman, *President*, and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

19. St. Paul's Classis meets in St. Paul's Church, Titusville, Pa., on Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, *President*; Rev. J. Kretzing, *Stated Clerk*.

20. Somerset Classis meets in St. John's Church, Centerville, Pa., Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. J. Ruhl, *President*, Rev. H. F. Keener, *Stated Clerk*.

21. Westmoreland Classis meets in the Reformed Church at Brush Creek, Pa., on Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1878, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. J. I. Swander, *President*, Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

22. West New York Classis meets in Ebenezer, New York, on Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. D. Willers, D. D., *President*, Rev. J. Knib, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER, Chairman.

Item 1—The request was granted, and the line fixed in accordance with the resolution of Allegheny Classis defining the same. Items 2, 3 and 11 were referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 4—Request granted, to go into effect when sanctioned by the General Synod. Item 5—Referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 6—Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley and Elder T. J. Craig—for report and action of Synod, see page 27. Item 10—With reference to this item, it was *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the Synod's previous action is not obligatory as a formal duty, no further action is now needed until this body proposes the observance of some specified day as a denominational festival. Items 7, 8, 9, 12 and the remaining items of the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—

In entering upon a review of the past Synodical year, we feel that it is our duty first gratefully to acknowledge the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father. By His goodness we have been preserved both in body, soul and spirit. His loving kindness has been our guide by day and our defence by night. Health and strength have been vouchsafed the ministers of this Synod. All, with perhaps only one exception, have attended regularly to the duties of their peculiar calling. The aged fathers are still with us to guide by their example and wisdom. Younger brethren, rejoicing in their strength, and full of zeal for Christ's cause, have been added to our number.

The Congregations within our bounds have also been signally favored and blessed. The earth has again yielded her increase. The barns and the store-houses are filled. Business has prospered. The mechanic and laborer have been rewarded for their toil. As a people the good Lord has preserved us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the terror that wasteth by day. For these evidences of favor and protection, it is our bounden duty to render unto the Lord thanksgiving and praise. To Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, world without end. *Amen.*

From the Reports placed in the hands of your Committee, we learn that peace and prosperity, generally, prevail throughout our borders. The Gospel has been faithfully preached, and the Holy Sacraments regularly administered. Our own peculiar Church life is being more and more apprehended and appreciated. The divine order, sanctioned by the Church in every age, that the child ingrafted into the body of Christ by Holy Baptism, is to be nurtured in the family and the Church, and thereby prepared for Confirmation and the Holy Communion, and for the duties and responsibilities of subjects of God's Kingdom, is truly preached and believed. The Church is presented as the school, in which the Great Master is Christ, and as the repository of divine grace for the salvation of souls. The result of this teaching is seen in the steady growth of Christian graces in the hearts of the members, and in the fact that but few of the baptized members failed to assume at the proper time the vows made in their behalf at their baptism. That this is God's order seems to be more fully understood now, than in the past. That it is the normal order of the Kingdom of Grace, is the burden of the Gospel preached from our pulpits, as it relates to the practical duties to believe and obey what the Lord has commanded. In this there is cause for rejoicing. While much of the preaching and practice of the day is in a degree conformed to the fancies and fashions of the world, and regards the Church as a mere association of men, and in no real sense, as the body of Christ, the Ministry of this Synod fail not to present the Church as the spouse of Christ, and the mother of us all, of whom we are born by the operation of God's Spirit, and in whose bosom we are nurtured unto everlasting life.

The Reports also furnish evidence of wholesome activity in the cultivation of the waste-places of Zion. The territory under this Synod is large. Much of it has hitherto been partially or totally neglected. Men and means, and especially organized effort, have been wanting. But now earnest efforts are put forth by the several Classes to gather and organize congregations in the large Towns and Cities with which our Territory abounds. The consciousness that the Pittsburgh Synod has an important work to perform, the means for which must be furnished by our own liberality, and the work done by our own self-denying labors, seems to be fully understood by all. The Lord has opened unto us an effectual door, and it is gratifying to know that we are entering in to occupy the ground.

For the more successful cultivation of this field, new Classes have been formed, thus bringing the whole matter before some at least in a new light. New Missions have been organized; old ones have been strengthened, and the doctrines of the Reformed Church heard in places where our name was unknown.

The contributions to the support of our different enterprizes have been large, compared with those of other sections of the Church. Small in numbers, and generally poor in this world's goods, the people nevertheless

respond quite liberally to the calls for aid. And yet much more might be done. We do not come up to the full measure of our ability. The want of systematic effort in this regard, throughout our borders, may be mentioned as the principal cause of the deficiency. The result in charges where alms-giving is part of the Lord's Day service, proves that God's plan, in this as in every thing else, is the best.

In view of what has been done under the efficient organization of this Synod, the Lord's helping hand is clearly seen. In each Classis, and in each Charge, there are monuments to His love and power. "Ebenezer—Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This Synod is the pillar, which indicates what He has done, and what He will do. As He has guided, defended and blessed in the past, so will He do in the future. Every success of the Gospel, every victory of Grace over the evil of the human heart is a monument to His praise. As a pillar in the Camp of Israel on the earth, we may then be encouraged for the future, and enter upon the duties and labors of another year, assured that the Lord will be our Helper. May He be our shield and guide. May His Grace be sufficient for us.

It is yet our duty to record the death of one whose presence and counsel we enjoyed one year ago. A beloved brother in Christ, Rev. Q. C. Russell, a member of Westmoreland Classis, and for many years one of its most devoted and self-denying ministers, was called to his rest only a few weeks after the last annual meeting of this Synod. Stricken by a malignant disease, the conflict was sharp but decisive. He fell. In the vigor of his manhood, and in the midst of his usefulness; the Lord said—It is enough. He died in his armor, and has joined the blood-washed throng in Heaven. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord—that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Missionary Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Synod, for the year ending October, 1872.

BRETHREN IN THE LORD :—

I entered upon the Missionary work of this Synod on the first of January, 1872. This report gives a synopsis of the work embraced in this period, and of the present condition of the Missions, with some reference to the prospects for the future.

Three self-supporting Charges and eight Missions were vacant on the first of January last; two of the Charges are filled with efficient pastors; Somerset Charge by A. E. Truxal, and St. James in Westmoreland Classis by J. B. Welty.

Of the eight vacant Missions, five are filled, viz: Preston, Canada, by R. Luescher; Titusville, by J. Fuendeling; St. James, Allegheny Classis, by I. C. Mueller; Kittanning and Emlenton, by L. B. Leasure; St. John's, Somerset Classis, by J. W. Alspach.

Four Charges have been vacated since January, viz: Mt. Pleasant and Irwin in Westmoreland Classis, Shenango Charge in St. Paul's, and Luthersburg in Clarion Classis. Mt. Pleasant Charge is filled by D. B. Lady, and Shenango by F. Pilgram. Three new Charges have been formed, Saegertown and Brown's in St. Paul's Classis, Butler in Allegheny, and Emmanuel's in Westmoreland; one of these is about being filled.

Of the old Missions, four are still vacant, viz: Ursina and Dale City in Somerset Classis, Johnstown in Westmoreland, London in St. Paul's, and Triadelphia in Allegheny.

There is good prospect of getting both the self-supporting Charges and most of the Missions, suitably filled, comparatively soon.

The following Missions with, and without Pastors, are located within the different classes of this Synod respectively, as follows. The appropriations are also designated.

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

Preston, Canada,.....	R. Luescher,.....	\$100.00
Ebenezer, N. Y.,.....	J. Knie,.....	75.00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Meadville,.....	D. D. Leberman,.....	\$200.00
London,	E. H. Dieffenbacher, (Supply,)	200.00
Titusville,	J. Fuendeling,.....	100.00
Corry, (New,).....		

CLARION CLASSIS.

Kittanning and Emlenton,.....	L. B. Leasure, (Supply,).....	\$400.00
Zion's Valley,.....	J. Grant,.....	150.00
Rimersburg, (New,).....		200.00

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

St. Paul's,.....	A. Krahn,.....	\$500.00
St. James,.....	I. C. Mueller,.....	150.00
Trinity,.....	T. F. Stouffer,.....	500.00
Triadelphia,		150.00
East Liberty, (New,).....		

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Johnstown,.....		
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SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Cumberland,.....	C. Cast, ..	\$500.00
Ursina and Dale City,.....		875.00
St. John's, (New,).....	J. W. Alspach,...	100.00

In West New York there are two Missions.

1. Preston, Canada—German. Rev. R. Luescher is the Missionary. The Congregations are two; nine families in the one, and sixteen in the other. The one congregation has an interest in a church property. The Mission gives \$250 toward ministerial support. Mr. Luescher is here since about the first of June last. He does not feel encouraged, nor does the Mission seem to promise well. Appropriation \$100.00.

2. Ebenezer, N. Y., German. Rev. J. Knie, Pastor. One congregation. Communicant members, 94; Baptized, 74. Increase for the year, four baptisms.

This Mission built a new church this year at a cost of \$3,150.00. Of this amount \$1,500.00 are paid, and \$1,900.00 subscribed. The Mission is comparatively hopeful for the future. Building the church straitened it somewhat financially, which affects the pastor's support. As soon as it recovers a little from this special effort, the interest will be much stronger than before. The church is a good one, and was recently consecrated to the worship of God. Appropriation, \$75.00.

In Buffalo and at other points in this Classis the way seems open for us to establish congregations.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

1. Meadville, (Ger. and Eng.) Rev. D. D. Leberman, Pastor. It has its own church, a large brick building. Debt, \$1,000.00. Communicant membership, 173. Baptized, 107. Added during the year, *twenty-three* communicants and baptized *seventeen*. Congregation has a cabinet organ. For pastoral support the Mission raises \$500.00. Alms, \$250.00. Home purposes, \$475.00. Appropriation, \$200.00.

Last spring the Classis connected a congregation temporarily with the Mission, and reduced the appropriation \$100.00. This gives the Missionary additional labor, but it helps the treasury. The day is not far, we hope, when this interest will be able to carry forward the work unaided.

2. London, English. Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, supply. Two congregations. Two churches. No debts. Communicant membership, 89. Baptized, 62. A loss of 17 communicants and 6 baptized members during the year. This is owing to removals and other causes. The Mission can raise \$300.00 for a pastor. Former appropriation, \$200.00.

The Mission does not promise to be self-supporting for some time to come, and there is no congregation or charge sufficiently convenient, with which it might be connected.

3. Titusville, German. Rev. J. Fuendeling, pastor since April last. Communicant membership, 216. Baptized, 215. The increase in the Communicant membership is 121, and a like proportion of increase in the Baptized membership. In June last, the corner-stone of a new church, in a most beautiful site, was laid; the building has been put under roof, and the basement will soon be finished. A parsonage has also been built in the meantime, and the parson with his family is in it. The church will cost \$13,000.00. It is expected to finish all free of debt.

The pastoral support will reach \$1,200.00 this year. \$200.00 was appropriated last year; the Classis last spring reduced it \$100.00, of which nothing has yet been paid. The Mission needs nothing for the future. \$8.00 was contributed for the orphans.

It is expected that the new church will be finished by the new year. The Mission is full of good deeds towards the pastor and the poor.

4. Corry. In this thriving town, 30 miles north of Titusville, where the Allegheny Valley and Erie R. R. line is crossed by the Atlantic and Great Western R. R., the way having been prepared for it, Rev. Fuen- deling and your Superintendent, last month, organized a congregation of eighteen families. The number has since been increased. There is no German church in the place, and the prospect is that we may be instrumental in gathering into the fold of Christ most of the German element in the town and vicinity.

The Presbyterians seem willing to give us the use of their church, to an extent, for the present, and those entering into the organization say that about \$300.00 can be secured towards a pastor's support.

CLARION CLASSIS.

1. Kittanning and Emlenton, English. Rev. L. B. Leasure, stated supply since the 14th of April, last. Two congregations 40 miles apart on the A. V. R. R.

At Kittanning there is a Reformed Church, two story brick, in good condition, neatly finished and furnished. Debt, \$1,000.00, which the congregation would like to see paid, and it is willing and able to undertake to pay it soon. It has a good cabinet organ, secured and paid for since Mr. Leasure serves it. The communicant membership is 50. Baptized members, 50; additions in 5 months, 6 communicant and 4 baptized members. There is a class of 18 catechumens. Alms for the year, \$119.66. For pastoral support it is raising \$200, and might raise \$300 during the coming year.

The congregation at Emlenton owns a brick church jointly with the Lutherans. Debt, \$1,000.00, their share of which our people are able and willing to raise at an early day. Communicant membership, 46. Additions, 10 by confirmation, and 10 by baptism. Salary promised, \$100.00, now subscribed, \$298.50. Catechumen, from 8 to 15. Alms, \$19.50. One of the members purchased a cabinet organ for \$350.00, and put it into the church.

2. Zion's Valley, English. Rev. J. Grant, pastor. Congregations, 2. Communicant membership, 65. Baptized, 60. Increase in communicants, 23; baptized, 9. Alms, \$35.73. Amount of support promised, \$320.00. Appropriation, \$150. In one of the congregations there is prospect of building a church soon. The other congregation has its own church. Altogether things seem hopeful in this Mission.

3. Rimersburg, Ger. and Eng., (new).

This is a new interest, created at the last annual meeting of Classis. No pastor as yet. Congregations two, and a preaching point. Communicant membership, 55; baptized, 75; one Reformed, and one Reformed and Lutheran, church property.

This interest is weak and does not promise to be self-supporting very soon. The material upon which a Missionary might work is not plenty; yet more might be accomplished than I anticipate. The Classis promises \$200.00 towards the support of a pastor.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

1. St. Paul's, German. Rev. A. Krahn, Pastor.

The Mission has its own Church property, which is valuable. Debt, \$6,000.00. Communicant membership, 63; baptized, 43; addition to the communicant membership, 26; of these, 8 by confirmation; baptized, 20. Alms, \$19.00. Towards Pastor's support, \$600. Appropriation, \$500.

The Mission does not increase as fast as some of its friends expected. There are doubtless reasons for this. That its future may be one of abundant success, is our hope. So far it is constituted of substantial material.

2. Trinity, English. Rev. T. F. Stouffer, Pastor.

This Mission has its own Chapel. It is a neat frame, Gothic style, 50 by 32. The corner-stone was laid last October, and on the 23d of June following, it was consecrated. Its cost is \$3,200.00. Debt, 1,000.00. The Congregation is also building a parsonage. For this purpose, it took a loan from a building association, and it pays back the loan in installments such as it is able regularly to meet.

There is a good cabinet organ in the Chapel, which, together with the neat, inviting character of the Chapel itself, makes it pleasant to worship here. Communicant membership, 35. Sunday-school Scholars, 65. Contributed towards the Missionary's support, \$250.00. Appropriation, \$500.00. The Mission is doing remarkably well, and if it is fostered for a few years, it will no doubt be a complete success.

3. St. James, German. Rev. I. C. Mueller, Pastor.

It has its own chapel and parsonage under one roof. Mr. Mueller is here since the first of August. He received 10 families in this time. Communicant membership, 56; baptized, 51. He teaches a Parochial School, and plays the organ during the service. The congregation contributes \$200 towards his support. Appropriation, \$150.00. Debt on the property, \$1,700.00. The Mission promises better now than in the past. Its former Pastor, Rev. F. C. Trappe, was arraigned and tried for drunkenness by the Westmoreland Classis last Spring, found guilty, and suspended for one year. He has since left for other scenes and associations. His bad work and example came near breaking up the Mission. Rev. F. K. Levan supplied the Mission until the present pastor came into the field, whom he was chiefly instrumental in securing.

4. Triadelphia, German. This interest is vacant. Rev. J. Fuendeling and Dr. Muelder, of Wheeling, have supplied it, to an extent, during the year. It has its own church, a substantial brick building. Debt, \$400.00. Its membership consists of 18 families, with considerable German material in the community to work upon. It will contribute \$200 towards a pastor's support. \$15.00 per month might be realized by teaching a Parochial School. Appropriation, \$150.00.

The interest does not promise to be large in the future, but with a pastor among them, it might, in a few years, become self-supporting in a moderate degree.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Johnstown, English. No Pastor. We have a property here, bought five years ago, for \$2,100. The Church is good, a neat frame building, but the location is not good. \$1,600 have been paid on it. \$600 remains, including interest. Since Rev. H. F. Keener's resignation, two years ago, the Mission has been without the means of grace. There is a nucleus of substantial English material, around which a congregation might gradually be gathered by an active Missionary. Comparatively little could be done towards supporting a pastor at first, but the city being large and wealthy, and having a large population, that is little, if any, under the direct influence of the churches now there, there seems to be good reason why we should make an effort to do something for the cause of Christ in this City as well as elsewhere.

SOMERSET CLASSES.

1. Cumberland, German. Rev. C. Cast, Pastor. We have a church property here costing \$5,500. \$2,300 are paid on it. The church is brick, of good size, substantial, with a lecture room at right angles in the rear. The location is good, the property worth much more than it costs us. The old Westmoreland Classis appropriated \$2000 towards purchasing the property.

The communicant membership is 100; baptized, 67; additions during the year, communicants, 56; baptized, 12. Alms, \$32.00 Towards pastor's support, \$300. Appropriation, \$500.00. The congregation purchased a grave-yard, and is about roofing the lecture-room. The Mission promises well. It labors under the disadvantage of not having the most suitable hours for service. Next Spring it will get full possession of the Church, and then we hope for greater prosperity. A Parochial School is conducted by the Missionary.

2. Ursina and Dale City, German and English. No pastor since last January. At Dale City we own a church property jointly with the Lutherans. At Ursina we have no property, save two lots. This Mission is hopeful. Located along the P., W. and B. R. R., right in the heart of extensive coal fields. It will no doubt grow into importance, if cultivated. Communicant membership, 95; baptized, 100. The Mission can raise \$300 towards pastoral support. Appropriation, \$375.00.

3. St. John's. This is part of an old charge, for quite a number of years without a pastor, almost destroyed by new measures from within, and ranting fanaticism from without. Rev. J. W. Alspach is this week moving into the charge, and we promised him \$100.00 towards his support for one year. Communicant membership, 130; baptized, 180.. The charge promises \$500.00 towards supporting a pastor. It is hoped the dry and scattered bones may be gathered up, served and clothed in the flesh and blood of the Gospel again.

NEW MISSIONS.

1. Corry. Of this point we have already spoken under the head of Missions in St. Paul's Classis.

2. East Liberty, 22d Ward, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Classis. An English interest is being started here. Rev. G. B. Russell is in charge of it. A good lot, in a good locality, 41 by 70, with fair prospects of being able to enlarge it at no distant day, with comparatively small additional cost, has been secured at \$2,000.00. The property being owned by a stock company, the majority of stockholders agreed, on application, each one on his own responsibility, to donate all above the original cost of his stock. There is a shell of a building on the lot, which, at a cost of \$1500, can be converted into a Gothic Chapel, in which to commence the enterprise in this beautiful suburb of Pittsburgh. The property is worth to-day \$2500, and it will soon be much more valuable. Thus the way seemed providentially to open for us to start an English interest in East Liberty, and Mr. Russell was largely instrumental in bringing about the result.

There is a good nucleus of Reformed material in the town and vicinity with which to make a beginning. It is expected to pay for the property and fit it up for worship, without any special assistance from the Synod or the Church at large. About \$400 can be raised towards pastoral support; and \$400 the Synod ought to provide. There is little doubt that the interest will soon be self supporting.

The way has been prepared, to an extent, to get a foot-hold in the city of Erie. Rev. J. Fuendeling has also interested himself in this behalf. There is prospect of success. Erie and Corry might be served by one Missionary for a time, should we be able to organize at the former place.

At Pleasantville, not far from Titusville, Mr. Fuendeling has been holding service for some time, as opportunity offered. The prospects are good for a small congregation. There is no organization as yet.

In Sharon we tried to find and buy a lot for a Church. We need an organization in town; we ought to have it, and I have no doubt we will succeed soon. There is plenty of material in the town to sustain a German interest, if it can be controlled; and there is also a nucleus of material here for an English organization.

At Washington, Washington Co., Pa., we still have an interest in a church property, and a few German members in the town and neighborhood. A Missionary, stationed at Triadelphia, 30 miles distant by rail, might revive this interest, and indeed serve both points.

On the P., F. W. and C. R. R., 6 miles below Pittsburgh, there is an opening for us. Emsworth is the place. We have some members there now, one of whom owns an eligible lot which he will sell cheaply to us; give \$50 per year towards a minister's support, and more if needed; give a single minister a home at a nominal rate, until the interest can be put upon its feet. A good school-house is at hand that could be had to hold service in gratis, for a time at least.

At Manor station, in Westmoreland Classis, an organization could be effected, by the co-operation of the Pastor in whose territory it is.

To name the places in Western Pennsylvania where the Reformed Church might, and ought to organize congregations, is hardly necessary or expected, in this report. Suffice it to say that there are many important towns along all the Railroads traversing this part of the State, Western Virginia and Western New York, in some of which, if not in most of them, with comparatively little labor and expense, congregations might be organized, and a good work done by us for the cause of our holy Christianity. The work already done, in the time, by the effort and outlay required, only shows what might be and ought to be done in the future with the advantages we now have as compared with the past; the demands upon us, and the opportunities open before us, being even greater than in the past.

The acquaintance I have made with the territory, and the information I have gathered, convince me, if I needed conviction on this subject, that much can be and ought to be done by us, towards establishing the Master's Kingdom within the bounds of this Synod; for certainly there are not only many Reformed people like sheep without a shepherd, but there are hundreds besides, whom we ought to be concerned to gather into the fold of Christ.

Much of my time was occupied with looking after vacant charges, preaching for them, and seeking out suitable ministers for them. Visiting the vacant missions, holding service for them, encouraging them, trying to find efficient Missionaries and securing their services; presenting the claims of the Missionary work to charges supplied with pastors, here and there, as I had time, and discovering where we might organize Mission congregations, occupied my time since I entered upon this work. I traveled much, preached often, wrote many letters, lost no time, shunned no labor, and did not spare my purse to discharge my duty.

The Somerset fire, in May last, by which we lost well nigh all our earthly possessions, together with \$24.00 of Missionary money, hindered me, for a time, in attending to my work. Altogether, I have every reason to be grateful for life and health, food and raiment.

The Classes have not all fallen in fully with the plan of Synod for carrying forward the Missionary work. While some of them have adopted Synod's plan fully, and assumed to raise what is necessary to carry forward the work for the year, others accepted in *spirit* the plan of Synod, but did not see their way clear to assume, pro rata, the amount named by the Synod, owing to old debts. The disposition of all is, however, to do what they can to promote this cause.

The representatives of the different Classes on the subject of Missions gave me valuable assistance in the work entrusted to my hands.

I have no doubt that the Missionary work can be efficiently organized on the general basis adopted by the Synod, and so promote the interests of the Church with large success.

Owing, in part, I suppose, to the formation of new Classes, and old assessments and debts, and the necessity of an effort to rid themselves of these; and the fact that a number of charges were, and a few are still vacant; the Classes have perhaps not been so punctual in sending in their assessments to their respective treasurers for Missions, as they may be the coming year. In some sections of the Synod, money matters are very close now, and this, too, has its effect on the Treasury.

We made no particular effort to organize new points, because the old ones ought to be filled and helped forward, and the vacant charges ought to have pastors as soon as possible. The way is open, to an extent, at a number of places to start churches. There is abundant work to do.

The apportionments for the different points at the last meeting of the Synod, and those made by the Classes, together, as necessary to meet the demands until the next annual meetings of the Classes, are about \$3,600. The amount actually needed is considerably less, because a number of the Missions were vacant; some are now vacant; and they may not all be filled at the end of the year.

The prospective needs for the coming year will reach over \$4,000.00. This embraces only the needs of the Missions now organized.

Duty requires that I should here state that some of the Missions do not promise well; and it is very doubtful whether the Synod ought to expend its energies in directions that do not promise to be fruitful, when its means are limited and the demands great, especially in directions that promise to be fruitful.

It is hereby recommended that a committee of one from each Classis be appointed to canvass the claims of each Mission within the bounds of the Synod, for support, the committee to present its report in tabular form, for the inspection and adoption of Synod. This plan has its objections, but as matters now stand it seems to be desirable and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. JOHNSTON.

The report was received, adopted and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted as follows:—

Your Committee on Missions would report that they have examined the papers referred to them, consisting of the Superintendent's Report and several items of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and carefully considered the entire subject of Missions pertaining to this Synod. As the Superintendent's report is rich and instructive on this subject, we do not deem it necessary to enter into any extended statements and discussions here.

We shall therefore simply give the conclusions of the Committee, by offering the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we continue our Missionary work substantially, as already inaugurated, and now in successful operation; and, that for this purpose, we elect a Superintendent of Missions, who shall be the executive head, and who shall co-operate with the Classical Boards, carrying on the work, as far as possible, by correspondence, and visit any points that need his attention, and in general, superintend and oversee the entire work of Missions in this Synod, and who shall receive a compensation for this particular work of \$200.00 per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the requests and the failure of the Classes which did not make full provision by assuming their portion of last year's Synodical apportionment for Missions, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to make no reduction in the several assessments on the Classes, unless it can be shown that they have done their duty in this matter.

3. *Resolved*, That the request of Somerset Classis, to give the pastor of Salem Church, Frostburg, permission to collect \$1,000.00 within the bounds of Synod, to liquidate a church debt, be granted.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee suggested in the Superintendent's report be appointed.

5. *Resolved*, That, as we sincerely sympathize with our Superintendent of Missions, in the loss of his earthly goods at the burning of Somerset, we exonerate him from the payment of the Missionary funds consumed at that time.

6. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be urgently requested to co-operate heartily in the whole plan of Synod, in carrying on its Missionary operations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KRETZING, Chairman.

The President appointed the Committee called for in the fourth resolution, as follows:

Rev. H. F. Keener, J. I. Swander, J. Fuendeling, F. K. Levan, J. G. Shoemaker and J. B. Kniest.

This committee afterwards reported, which was received and adopted, and referred to the committee on Finance, as follows:

The present Superintendent of Missions, Rev. G. H. Johnston, was permitted to continue in office, at his option, until the end of this year.

At the time appointed for holding the election, Rev. F. K. Levan was chosen to the office of Missionary Superintendent.

Rev. F. K. Levan having declined this appointment, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary Superintendents of the different Classes be directed to hold a meeting at an early period, and elect or appoint a Superintendent of Missions, to serve during the year.

The Special Committee to canvass the claims of Missions, and report in tabular form, would offer the following:

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Johnstown,.....

CLARION CLASSIS.

Kittanning and Emlenton,	\$300.00
Zion's Valley,	150.00
Rimersburg,	200.00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Meadville,	\$100.00
London,	
Titusville,	200.00

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Cumberland,	\$500.00
Ursina and Dale City,	350.00
St. John's,	100.00

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

St. Paul's,	\$500.00
St. James',	200.00
Trinity,	500.00
Triadelphia,	150.00
22d Ward, Pittsburgh,	400.00

WEST NEW YORK.

Preston, Canada,	\$100.00
Ebenezer, N. Y.,	75.00

Total, \$3,825.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. KEENER,
J. FUENDELING.

ARTICLE XI.
FINANCE.

The Treasurer of Synod offered the following Report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

W. E. SCHMERTZ, *Treasurer, in Acc't with* PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Dr.	CLARION CLASSIS.	J. G. SHOEMAKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>
General Assessment, 1872, July,		\$ 150 00
"	October 11,	200 00
"	" 11, (Old,)	5 00
		\$ 355 00
Missions,	" Jan. 4,	37 50
	" April 4,	37 50
	" May 24,	37 50
	" October 11,	37 50
		150 00
		\$505 00

Amount brought forward,..... \$505 00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS. C. M. BOUSH, *Treasurer*.

General Assessment, 1872, June	\$150 00	
" Feb. 28, (Old,).....	48 10	
" June	50 90	
		<u>249 00</u>

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS. J. B. KNIEST, *Treasurer*.

General Assessment, 1872, June	50 00
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ALLEGHENY CLASSIS. T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer*.

Missions, 1872, Sept. 3,.....	17 00
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SOMERSET CLASSIS. W. RUPP, *Treasurer*.

General Assessment, 1872, October 5,.....	30 00
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\$ 851 00

Old balance due,.....

92 04

\$ 943 04

Cr. 1871, Oct. 28, Paid W. E. Krebs,.....	\$ 30 00	
" Dec. 1, " Printing Tickets,.....	1 00	
" Postage on Minutes,.....	11 64	
" Dec. 18, " F. K. Levan, Traveling Exp.....	145 00	
" " " " Procuring Charter,	20 00	
" " " " Seal,.....	9 40	
1872, Jan. 4, " Rev. James Grant,.....	37 50	
" " 10, " Minutes of Synod,.....	90 00	
" Postage and Expenses,.....	2 57	
" April 4, " Rev. J. Grant,	37 50	
" May 24, " " "	37 50	
" July " Rev. G. H. Johnston,.....	25 00	
" Oct. 5, " " "	30 00	
" Sept. 11, " " "	100 00	
" Sept. 30, " " "	25 00	
" Oct. 14, " " "	150 00	
" Sept. 3, " Rev. T. F. Stouffer,.....	17 00	
" Oct. 13, " Rev. J. Grant,.....	37 50	
		<u>\$ 806 61</u>

Balance in hands of Treasurer, Oct. 14, 1872,.....	\$ 136 43
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On the General Assessment, the following sums are due from different classes :

Westmoreland, Old,.....	\$223 31	
" New,	650 00	
		<u>\$ 873 31</u>
St. Paul's, Old,.....	62	
" New,	200 00	
		<u>200 62</u>
West New York, New,.....	100 00	
		<u>\$1,773 93</u>

The following amounts have been paid by the Classes on the Missionary Apportionment into the Synodical Treasury :

Clarion Classis,.....	\$ 150 00
Allegheny "	17 00
Total,	<u>\$ 167 00</u>

The Treasurer has also been unable to pay the \$100.00 to Rev. J. Voeglin, as per Minutes of Synod, page 19, for lack of apparently indefinite apportionment. It should be attended to at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. SCHMERTZ, Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following items :

From the Treasurer's Report, it appears that, during the year, there was—

Old balance,.....	\$ 92 04	
Paid in,.....	851 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 943 04
Paid out,.....		806 61
		<u> </u>
Balance on hand,.....		\$ 136 43

From the several Classes, as will be seen by the Treasurer's statement, there is yet due.....\$1,173 98

For Missions, the amount thus far received, under the new apportionment, as passing through the general Treasury, is \$167.00.

Allowances have been made by the Special Committee, to the several Missions, for the next year, amounting, in all, to.....\$3,825 00

Missionary Superintendent,	200 00
Due Rev. J. Voeglin,.....	100 00
Due Revs. Fuendeling and Dr. Muelder.,.....	50 00
Contingent expenses of Synod,.....	200 00
	<u> </u>
Amounting to... ..	\$ 4,375 00

This sum it is proposed to apportion among the several Classes, as follows :

Westmoreland, old,.....	\$ 740 00	
" new,	950 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,690 00
Clarion, old,.....	500 00	
" new,	950 00	
	<hr/>	1,450 00
St. Pauls, old,.....	200 62	
" new,.....	800 00	
	<hr/>	1,000 62
West New York, old,.....	100 00	
" " " new,	300 00	
	<hr/>	400 00
Allegheny, old,.....	600 00	
" new,.....	600 00	
	<hr/>	1,200 00
Somerset, old,.....	700 00	
" new,.....	900 00	
	<hr/>	1,600 00
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Total,.....		\$7,340 62

As it is of the first importance, in order to keep the finances of this Synod from falling into hopeless confusion, that such dues be promptly paid, year by year ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Classes in arrears be and are hereby directed to take, at as early a day as possible, the necessary measures for meeting their dues ; and a neglect to attend to this duty, is worthy the censure of this Synod.

The apportionment made at each meeting of Synod is intended for the succeeding year, beginning with the next annual meeting of the Classes ; with this fact kept steadily before us, each may provide in due time for the current wants, without falling at all behind.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL, Chairman.

A Special Committee, consisting of Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, E. H. Dieffenbacher, and Eld. Thos. Armagost, was appointed to collect 25 cents from each member of Synod, for the remuneration of the Sexton. The Committee subsequently reported that they had collected the sum of \$12.50, and paid it into the hands of the Pastor. The Report was received and adopted.

The amount of \$50.00 was ordered to be paid from the appropriation to the Triadelphia Mission to Rev. J. Fuendeling and Dr. Muelder, for services rendered to that enterprise.

ARTICLE XII.

ORPHAN HOME.

The Superintendent of the Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., read his Report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home, with instructions to embody the substance thereof in their Report. This Committee subsequently reported as follows :

Your Committee on St. Paul's Orphan Home take pleasure in reporting that the above-named institution, located at Butler, Pa., is in a condition that renders it, not only a blessing to the fatherless, but also a matter of congratulation to ourselves, as well as a monument of gratitude to God. From the Report of the Superintendent, Rev. J. B. Thompson, and other information, we learn that the "Home" is being put in a good state of repair. The little farm is furnished with many of the implements necessary to its proper and profitable cultivation. The large quantities and good qualities of agricultural productions bear testimony not only to the goodness of a bountiful Providence, and the fertility of the soil, but also the good management and industry of those under whose immediate control the institution has been placed by the church.

The house and its surroundings, so well adapted to the purpose for which it was purchased, though not furnished in princely style, is being supplied with those articles necessary to make it home-like and convenient in serving the purpose of family, school and church. The state of morals and religion is reported as satisfactory. The Superintendent and his excellent companion seem to have their hearts in this labor of love, and are both worthy of the church's confidence and deserving of her sympathy. The "Home" should have, and will receive the continued support of those who are disposed to show the spirit of Christians, by feeding the lambs of Christ. The following resolutions of last year are recommended for re-adoption :

Resolved, That, at our Christmas Festivals, special collections be taken, and that these be devoted to the "Home."

Resolved, That the matter of adding further repairs and improvements to the buildings and grounds, be committed to the Board of Directors, with instructions to do as to them may seem most proper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. SWANDER, Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations having reported a double number of candidates, at the time appointed an election was held by ballot, resulting in the choice of the following persons as Directors of the "Home," for four years: W. H. Brill, Rev. J. F. Snyder, D. D. Leberman, and C. R. Dieffenbacher.

ARTICLE XIII.

COMPLAINTS.

Rev. H. C. Heyser vs. St. Paul's Classis.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and having reference to the complaint, presented their report, which was received and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee have examined the papers relating to the case as thus referred for consideration.

The complaint appears to have been regularly taken, and is therefore in order.

Your Committee would recommend :

1. That the time for hearing this case be set for Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

2. That the plaintiff be allowed *forty* minutes in which to state the grounds of his complaint.

3. That the representatives of the St. Paul's Classis be allowed *twenty* minutes in which to make their defence.

4. That the Synod then, without discussion, proceed to vote on the merits of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
T. J. BARKLEY,
T. J. CRAIG.

At the time fixed upon by Synod, the "case" was taken up as the special order of business. The plaintiff, Rev. H. C. Heyser, presenting his reasons for complaint, in person. St. Paul's Classis was heard in defence, through Rev. J. Kretzing. Both parties concerned having been heard, the vote was taken without further discussion, as per previous arrangement. On the question, "shall the complaint be sustained," the yeas and nays were called for and taken, as follows :

YEAS—None.

NAYS—Rev. J. F. Snyder, L. B. Leasure, J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, D. B. Lady, F. Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. J. Penny-packer, J. F. Wiant, F. K. Levan, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins, G. H. Johnston, W. Rupp, J. Grant, A. E. Truxal, and H. F. Keener; Elders G. Fritz, W. Weitzel, W. R. Barnhart, G. Rearich, S. Frantz, W. G. King, G. Suloff, and T. J. Craig—Nays, 26.

NON LIQ—Elder Thomas Armagast—1.

EXCUSED—Rev. G. B. Russell, G. B. Massalsky, C. A. Limberg and J. B. Thompson, and members of St. Paul's Classis not voting.

The complaint was not sustained.

Rev. H. C. Heyser gave notice that he would appeal from this action of the Synod, to the General Synod. In view of this, the delegates of St. Paul's Classis to the General Synod, Rev. D. D. Leberman, J. Fuendeling, and Elders C. M. Boush and A. G. Apple, were appointed to represent this Synod on the floor of the General Synod in this case.

ARTICLE XIV.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented a majority and minority Report; the majority Report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the general subject of Publication, after fully discussing the whole matter, would recommend the following action :

In order the better to meet the wants of our people, this Synod shall elect a Board of Publication, with full power to arrange for the publication of a paper, suited to the wants of our people, as soon as they shall see their way clear so to do. Provided, however, that no pecuniary responsibility shall be entailed on this Synod. And, until they shall see their way clear to publish such a paper, they shall be empowered to make such arrangements with the Eastern Board of Publication, as will, in their judgment, best meet the wants of our people under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CRAIG,
F. K. LEVAN.
G. SULOFF.

On the adoption of this Report, the yeas and nays were called for; they are as follows:

YEAS—J. F. Snyder, L. B. Leasure, J. I. Swander, D. B. Lady, J. G. Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. Kretzing, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. H. Stepler, E. H. Dieffenbacher, F. Wall, H. C. Heyser, F. K. Levan, T. J. Barkley, C. A. Limberg, J. A. Hoffheins, G. B. Russell, H. F. Keener, Elders G. Fritz, T. Armagast, J. Seiple, C. M. Boush, G. Suloff, T. J. Craig and J. Suter—*Yeas*, 25

NAYS—Rev. J. W. Love, J. J. Pennypacker, J. F. Wiant, D. B. Ernst, J. Fuendeling, G. H. Johnston, W. Rupp, A. E. Truxal, J. Grant, Elders W. Weitzel, W. R. Barnhart, S. Frantz, W. G. King and M. Brubaker—*Nays*, 14.

NON LIQ.—Rev. J. B. Thompson.

It was resolved that this Board be constituted of *five* members. This item having been referred to the Committee on Nominations, and they having reported a double number of candidates at the time of election, the following persons were chosen as the

BOARD OF PUBLICATION—Rev. G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley, T. J. Craig, W. E. Schmertz and C. Siebert.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Committee of *three*, who shall make arrangements with the Publication Committee of the Synod of the North-West, and Dr. Bausman, of the Haus-Freund, so as to secure a part in their papers—viz: the "Haus-Freund" and "The Evangelist."

2. *Resolved*, That this Committee, after the completion of any such arrangement, shall be authorized to appoint one or more persons as an Editorial Committee.

The Committee called for in the first resolution, consists of Rev. J. Fuendeling, J. H. Stepler and Dr. Muelder.

The Editorial Committee, appointed at the meeting of Synod last year, reported through Rev. F. K. Levan. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Synod rescinded so much of its last year's action as requests the General Synod to consider the expediency of concentrating the publication interests of the Church.

ARTICLE XV.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Trustees of the proposed Literary Institution of this Synod, presented their Report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

This Committee subsequently reported, which was received and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following Report :

From the Report of the Trustees of the proposed Literary Institution, your Committee learns that the way does not yet appear to be fully open to go forward in the actual establishment of the Institution proposed. The Trustees elected a President, but he has not yet signified his willingness to accept the position. The Trustees are anxiously awaiting certain developments, looking towards the establishment of Synod's proposed Institution.

In the absence of a School directly under the control of this Synod, your Committee would recommend to the favorable notice of your body, the Allentown Female Seminary, and the Female Seminary at Tyrconnel, under the care of Rev. G. L. Staley, as suitable Schools for our daughters.

F. K. LEVAN.

It was *Resolved*, that we recognize in the Mission House a very valuable Institution of our Church, and that we recommend it most heartily to our Congregations.

An election by ballot was held for Trustees of the proposed Literary Institution, which resulted in the choice of

(FOR THREE YEARS,) C. Siebert, T. J. Craig and W. J. Baer.

(ONE YEAR,) Geo. Suloff.

ARTICLE XVI.

DIVINE SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

The following Report was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Divine Service would respectfully report—

Preaching in Zion's Reformed Church,

Friday evening, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz; Saturday afternoon, (German,) Rev. J. Fuendeling; Saturday evening, Rev. J. W. Love; Sunday morning, (German and English,) Communion, Rev. A. Krahn and W. Rupp; Sunday afternoon, Sunday School Addresses, Rev. J. F. Wiant and Elder T. J. Craig; Sunday evening, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.

U. P. Church, A. M., Rev. J. I. Swander; P. M., Rev. J. F. Snyder.
Lutheran " " " E. H. Dieffenbacher; " " A. E. Truxal.
Presb'an " " " G. B. Russell; " " T. J. Barkley.
Methodist " " " G. H. Johnston; " " F. K. Levan.

Hamburg, A. M., Rev. D. B. Lady; Good Hope, A. M., Rev. G. B. Massalsky; St. Johns, A. M., Rev. C. A. Limberg; Sharon, A. M., Rev. J. B. Poerner.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Nominations presented their Report, which was received and adopted, and the time fixed for the election. The election was held, Rev. J. F. Snyder and H. F. Keener having been appointed tellers. The result is recorded in the respective places.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, Report that no applications came before them.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, appointed during the sessions, consisting of Rev. J. I. Swander, E. H. Dieffenbacher and Elder C. M. Boush, presented their Report, which was adopted.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred Item 2, of the Committee on Overtures, presented their Report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S., beg leave to propose the following :

Plan or basis for the union of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., and the Pittsburgh Synod of the same Church, in the support, management and control of the Theological Seminary.

I. Each one of the two above named Synods, at its meeting immediately following the completion of this arrangement, shall elect *one* Trustee for every *twenty-five* Ministers or fraction of twenty-five, regularly connected with it ; one-third for three years, a second third for two years, and the last third for one year. And at each annual meeting, one-third shall be elected for three years. The persons so elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S. None but Elders in good and regular standing shall be chosen to the office of Trustee. Members are eligible to re-election.

II. The Board of Trustees shall make annually written reports to the Synods, giving a full account of their actions and work during the year, and make such suggestions as they may deem advisable in regard to the property and management of the Seminary.

III. Each of the Synods, at its meeting immediately following the completion of the proposed arrangement, shall elect one Minister for every twenty-five Ministers, or fraction of twenty-five, regularly connected with it, and these shall constitute the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. One-third shall be elected for three years, the second third for two years, and the last third for one year. And thereafter, at each annual meeting, one-third shall be elected for three years. The Board of Visitors shall annually report to the Synods the condition of the Seminary, stating the number of students, the number and names of graduates during the year, and such other matters as appertain to the work of the Seminary.

IV. In the case of any special emergency, such as the death or resignation of a Professor, the Board of Visitors, if they deem it necessary, shall be authorized to take the proper steps to call a special meeting of the Synods which are parties to this arrangement.

V. Whenever it shall become necessary to elect a Professor, the Synods shall meet together in general Convention, as delegated Synods, for this purpose. When the Synods have organized, a committee shall be appointed, consisting of an equal number of members from each Synod, who shall have power to nominate only one candidate at a time. The election shall be by ballot, and two-thirds of the votes cast shall be required to elect.

VI. Should any Synod desire to withdraw from this arrangement, it is to be clearly and distinctly understood that it shall not be entitled to claim any pecuniary interest in the endowment, buildings, library or any real or personal property or effects of the Seminary ; but, on the contrary, the institution shall remain intact as to all its property, and shall belong to the Synod or Synods still adhering to this arrangement ; excepting, however, from this provision, all such funds as have been furnished by

such withdrawing Synod for the endowment of any Professorship in whole or in part, which funds are to be fully restored to the absolute control of such withdrawing Synod, and that all moneys collected for the use of the Seminary in the bounds of this Synod since its organization, be included in such funds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FUENDELING,
F. K. LEVAN.
JOHN SUDER.

Rev. G. H. Johnston was appointed to present this action to the Eastern Synod at its Sessions in Martinsburg, Va.

It was *Resolved*, that the agent of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster be invited to collect funds within our bounds, towards establishing a Professorship in that Institution, under the provisions of the plan already adopted.

The following preambles and resolutions were adopted:

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Whereas, The Statistical Tables of the Classes give only a part of the amounts contributed by our Congregations for the support of the Gospel, *therefore*,

Resolved, That the different Classes within the bounds of this Synod be requested to add two more columns to their Statistical Tables—in the first of which the amount paid by each Charge to the support of its Ministers, and in the second the amounts paid by each Charge for the erection and repairs of Churches, and the building of Parsonages, shall be given.

UNION CHURCHES.

Whereas, It is a well-known fact, that in some pastoral charges, where the Church buildings are held in union with the Lutherans, the practice prevails of allowing the members of each denomination to vote also in union, each for the other interchangeably, at elections held for Church officers, *therefore*,

Resolved, That the sense of this Synod is hereby expressed as decidedly opposed to the said custom, as being unconstitutional and liable to serious local evils; and that it be also hereby urged upon the several Classes, who have immediate jurisdiction in the case, to use all proper influence and measures for the entire breaking up and discontinuance of the said custom.

STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the term of office for which the Stated Clerk of Synod is elected, be for a term of three years.

The officers of Synod were instructed to make due efforts to secure Rail Road accommodations, to the next meeting of Synod, at reduced rates.

TRUSTEE OF SYNOD.

The annual election of one Trustee of Synod, was held by ballot; the Committee on Nominations having reported two candidates, which resulted in the choice of Rev. G. B. Russell, to serve for five years.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following Resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be, and are hereby tendered, to the Pastor and members of Zion's Reformed Church, and other citizens of Greenville, Pa., for the hospitable entertainment afforded us during our sojourn among them; and that the Pastor be requested to read this Resolution from the pulpit.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod meet in General Convention, at its next annual meeting, and be composed of all the Ministers within its bounds, and one Elder from each pastoral charge.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH, *Titusville, Pa.*, was selected as the place, and THURSDAY after the 18th Sunday after Trinity, (October 16th), A. D., 1873; at 7½ o'clock, P. M., as the time for the next annual meeting of Synod. .

The minutes of each day's proceedings were read and approved, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies published, and distribute them as last year.

The roll was called and none found absent without excuse.

Adjourned, after divine service, to meet at the place and time appointed.

WM. RUPP, President.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, Stated Clerk.

ALL HIGH HIN Y CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excess.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benefactor.	Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Abner Dale,	3 Fairview,	405	400	31	7	3	360	.....	4	10	3	150	\$ 600	00	Baldwin, Pa.
F. K. Levan,	1 St. James,	53	44	.....	3	15	50	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburgh, "
C. A. Limberg,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Butler, "
T. J. Barkley,	1 Grace Church,	116	135	7	11	7	110	.....	2	2	1	75	1,201	82	Pittsburgh, "
T. F. Stauffer,	1 Trinity,	31	.....	2	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	00	Wilkinsburg, "
John Voeglin,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dunkirk, N. Y.
G. B. Masalsky,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Melrose, Pa.
A. Krahn,	1 St. Paul's,	63	43	20	3	18	120	.....	1	1	1	53	19	00	Pittsburgh, "
J. A. Hoffheins,	1 1st Ch., Allegheny,	57	33	7	3	5	44	.....	.....	1	1	84	.....	.....	Allegheny City, "
F. A. Edmonds,	5 Harmony,	337	190	16	54	6	326	1	1	9	4	370	397	00	Harmony, "
J. B. Thompson,	Orphan Home,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Butler, "
J. W. Ebinghaus,	1 Brady's Bend,	103	79	15	18	4	100	.....	.....	3	1	70	43	00	Brady's Bend, "
F. C. Trapp,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wheeling, West Va.
Geo. W. Mueider, D. Ph.,	1 Triadelphia,	40	30	6	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
G. B. Russell,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mansfield, "
C. Knepper,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

WEST MORELAND CLASSIS.

N. P. Hacke, D. D.	4 1st Greensburg,	645	650	101	34	.....	545	.....	5	43	4	300	500	00	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voight,	Superannuated,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant, "
J. F. Snyder,	3 Salem,	399	390	35	11	8	361	.....	7	10	4	285	428	00	Delmont, "
J. I. Swander,	4 Latrobe,	233	280	32	5	8	230	.....	5	14	2	80	170	00	Latrobe, "
W. E. Krebs,	1 Irwin. (Vacant.)	122	120	21	14	6	108	.....	2	6	1	100	83	89	F. & M. Col., Lancaster, Pa.
J. W. Love,	2 2d Greensburg,	151	178	12	6	10	136	.....	1	4	1	76	217	50	Greensburg, Pa.
D. B. Lady,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	200	120	8	20	6	180	.....	4	.....	2	160	137	34	Mt. Pleasant, "
J. B. Welty,	2 St. James,	175	189	5	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	4	2	136	.....	.....	Apollo, "
.....	1 Olive,	51	40	.....	10	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 Johnstown,	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. B. Leasure,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Irwin Station, Pa.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. Knepper,.....	7 Wellersburg,.....	7	383	415	62	33	4	284	....	13	3	4	150	300 00	Wellersburg, Pa.
G. H. Johnston,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Somerset, "
William Rupp,.....	4 Berlin,.....	4	415	335	38	26	2	312	.....	.....	9	3	170	1,014 89	Berlin, "
A. B. Koplin,.....	4 Paradise,.....	4	240	185	18	21	3	218	.....	.....	6	3	.....	348 39	Elk Lick, "
H. F. Keener,.....	5 Beam,.....	5	362	191	25	20	4	305	.....	5	12	1	60	549 00	Sipesville, "
John Ruhl,.....	1 Frostburg,.....	1	180	190	16	18	30	180	.....	12	4	1	200	200 00	Frostburg, Md.
C. Cast,.....	1 Cumberland,.....	1	100	67	12	4	52	90	.....	5	6	1	50	32 00	Cumberland, "
A. E. Truxal,.....	4 Somerset,.....	4	228	125	12	9	7	190	.....	2	3	3	140	635 00	Somerset, Pa.
.....	5 St. Johns,*.....	5	150	234	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 Ursina and Dale City,.....	2	80	105	4	.....	6	74	.....	.....	1	1	57	21 45	.....

* Rev. J. W. ALSPAUGH has lately taken charge.

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

D. Williers, D. D.....	3 Fayette,.....	104	52	30	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	9	2	50	39 00	Fayette, N. Y.
J. B. Kniest,.....	1 Zion's,.....	405	500	52	32	.....	.....	390	.....	.....	18	1	240	300 00	Buffalo, "
H. Bentz,.....	2 Clarence,.....	135	.....	15	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	85	75 00	Clarence, "
John Knie,.....	1 Ebenezer,.....	90	70	16	6	.....	.....	84	.....	.....	9	1	70	84 55	Ebenezer, "
Edmund Erb,.....	2 Dansville,.....	60	40	1	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	8	2	40	8 42	Dansville, "
C. Kuss,.....	1 Rochester,.....	64	67	8	15	2	64	3	1	150	85 25	Rochester, "
J. W. Luescher,.....	3 Preston,.....	76	67	12	2	53	Preston, C. W.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	R. Schools.	R. B. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.
Clarion,.....	8	32	2,149	1,261	187	105	37	1,570	.....	26	57	22	1,023	\$ 1,561 36
St. Paula,.....	11	18	1,605	1,193	109	68	37	1,205	.....	22	54	16	926	962 14
Allegheny,.....	16	15	1,205	954	104	104	58	1,181	.....	12	26	11	802	2,281 82
Westmoreland,.....	9	22	1,978	1,917	221	100	38	1,761	1	24	81	16	1,187	1,536 73
Somerset,.....	8	33	2,138	1,847	187	131	108	1,753	.....	37	44	17	787	3,100 73
West New York,.....	6	12	934	796	122	73	2	688	.....	.....	48	10	638	493 22
Total Classes,.....	58	132	10,009	7,968	930	581	280	8,158	1	131	310	92	5,363	\$ 9,936 00
EASTERN SYNOD,*														
Classes,.....	13	669	86,879	43,797	8,818	5,207	1,731	71,733	28	980	2,992	582	37,425	45,561 29
OHIO SYNOD,														
Classes,.....	8	302	20,537	11,365	1,883	1,470	797	17,461	256	233	566	202	13,309	8,323 11
SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST,														
Classes,.....	7	188	11,604	9,157	1,610	896	696	10,070	56	178	404	124	4,000	5,029 71
Total, Synods, 4; Classes, 34	580	1,291	129,029	72,287	13,241	8,154	3,504	107,422	341	1,522	4,272	1,000	60,097	\$68,850 11

* Report of 1871.

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH in the United States, assembled in convention in the Reformed Church, Berlin, Pa., on the Thursday after the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 15th, A. D. 1874, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until Tuesday noon following. The opening services of the session were conducted at the altar by Rev. J. M. Titzel, and the sermon preached by the President, Rev. J. I. Swander, he having selected as his text the fourth verse of the ninth chapter of Ecclesiastes.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, D. B. Lady, J. M. Titzel, S. Shaw, J. McConnell⁶ and L. Cort.⁶

Elders.—Henry Remaly, W. R. Barnhart, S. P. Yockey, Joseph Cort, J. Byers,¹ Dr. N. L. Kline,¹ Geo. Fritz¹ and Fred. Gonder.¹

CLARION CLASSIS.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, D. W. Wolff,¹ J. Dotterer and J. Grant.²

Elders.—C. Fulmer and Jas. Moore.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.—Revs. D. B. Ernst, J. H. Apple¹ and F. Pilgram.⁶

Elder.—Josiah Kern.¹

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.—Rev. J. B. Kniest.¹

SOMERSET CLASSIS.—Revs. B. Knepper, W. Rupp, H. F. Keener, J. Ruhl, A. E. Truxal, J. W. Alspach and L. D. Steckel.

Elders.—Levi Knepper, Samuel Foust, J. B. Hillegass, J. Kuhns² and David Hay.⁴

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.—Revs. F. K. Levan,³ T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stouffer, J. A. Hoffheins and G. B. Russell, D. D.

Elders.—J. Daubenspeck, J. Hershey and T. J. Craig.²

ADVISORY MEMBERS.—Revs. F. R. Schwedes, C. U. Heilman, and Elder J. David Miller.

VISITOR.—Rev. Strauss, of the Lutheran Church.

1, appeared on Friday morning; 2, appeared on Friday afternoon; 3, appeared on Saturday afternoon; 4, appeared on Monday morning; 5, obtained leave of absence on Monday morning.

Item 5, page 20. The election of Directors of the Board of Orphan Home.

Item 6, page 22. The election of one member to the Board of Publication.

Item 7, page 23. The election of members of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

Item 8, page 25. Synod directs the Classes to turn over their beneficiaries to the care of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

Item 9, page 25. The election of one member of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

Item 10, page 26. The appointment of a committee to prepare an additional provision to the general form of Charter for Congregations.

Item 11, page 27. Instructions to the Stated Clerk to have the Minutes published.

Item 12, page 27. The election of Trustees of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

F. PILGRAM,	} Committee.
J. DOTTERER,	
J. W. ALSPACH,	
J. DAUBENSPECK,	
HENRY REMALY,	

Items 1, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 12, were referred to the Committee on Nominations; item 2, second part of 4, and 8, were postponed until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports; item 3 was postponed until the hearing of the Treasurer's Report; item 10, the committee presented their report, which was received and adopted—see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 11, attended to; item 4—the attention of the Treasurer of Synod is called to this action.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following report:

Item 1. A request from Rev. John Voeglin to be excused for non-attendance upon the present sessions of Synod.

Item 2. The resignation of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker as a member of the Board of Missions.

Item 3. An invitation from the Consistory of the Reformed Congregation, Meadville, Pa., to hold our next annual sessions in their midst.

Item 4. A reference to the Pittsburgh Synod, of a claim of \$1,000 in favor of Catherine Bartholomew, of Cumberland, Md., by a committee of Somerset Classis.

Respectfully submitted.

L. D. STECKEL,	} Committee.
T. F. STOUFFER,	
J. W. LOVE,	
G. J. REIMOLD,	
C. FULMER,	

Item 1. Pending a motion to refer the request to the Allegheny Classis, of which Rev. John Voeglin is a member, a substitute was offered, that the request be granted. The question as to the substitute being in order having been raised, the President gave his decision in the affirmative. From this decision an appeal was taken. The question being put, Shall the appeal be sustained? it was decided in the negative; the appeal was not sustained. The request was then granted and Rev. J. Voeglin excused.

Item 2. The resignation of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was accepted, and the vacancy thus occasioned referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. G. B. Russell, J. W. Love and Elder Samuel Foust. For the report of this committee see Article XX, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report:

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Clarion Classis failed to furnish Synod with a separate copy of its statistical table.

Item 2. West New York Classis failed to furnish Synod with a separate copy of its minutes.

Item 3. The same Classis admitted a minister of another denomination to a seat as an *advisory* member.

REQUESTS.

Item 4. Clarion Classis requests Synod to credit the amount of \$30, expenses of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker in exploring territory as Superintendent of Missions, and member of the Joint Board, on the apportionment of Classis.

Item 5. The same Classis calls the attention of Synod to Art. LII. of the Constitution, and asks Synod for an interpretation.

Item 6. West New York Classis respectfully requests Synod to be dismissed to the Synod of the North West, and to be informed at once of Synod's action, in order that, if dismissed, it may immediately be received by said Synod.

MATTERS REFERRED BY SYNOD.

Item 7. All the Classes acquiesce in Synod's plan of carrying forward the missionary work.

Item 8. All the Classes took favorable action on the matters referred to them by Synod, except in particular items hereinafter mentioned

Item 9. All the Classes, except Somerset, accepted the apportionment put upon them by Synod at its last annual meeting.

Item 10. Somerset Classis asks Synod to be relieved of \$433 of the Synodical apportionment, on account of heavy arrearages.

Item 11. All the Classes, except Somerset and West New York, have acquiesced in Synod's plan of Beneficiary Education.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 12. West New York Classis complains that Synod reports the name of Rev. J. Voeglin as a member of said Classis, whereas he has never been received by it.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 13. Allegheny Classis received Rev. Andrew Kern from the Congregational Church, Rev. C. A. Limberg from the Presbytery of Nassau, Long Island, and dismissed Rev. Charles Knepper to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Item 14. Clarion Classis received Rev. D. W. Wolff from Zion's Classis, the Licentiate John Dotterer from Goshenhoppen Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry, Rev. James Grant from Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. G. Shoemaker to Lebanon Classis.

Item 15. Somerset Classis received Rev. L. D. Steckel from Zion's Classis, dismissed Rev. A. B. Koplin to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. C. Cast to Maryland Classis.

Item 16. St. Paul's Classis received Revs. Josiah May and F. J. Hartmetz from Tiffin Classis, Rev. I. E. Graeff from Lebanon Classis, and dismissed Rev. H. C. Heyser to West New York Classis.

Item 17. Westmoreland Classis examined and licensed the Theological Student H. D. Darbaker, received Rev. Samuel Shaw, from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. Lucian Cort from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. John McConnell from Indiana Classis, dismissed the Licentiate H. D. Darbaker to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. James Grant to Clarion Classis.

Item 18. West New York Classis received Rev. H. C. Heyser from St. Paul's Classis, Rev. J. Heberle from the Presbytery of Jersey City, dismissed Rev. J. Knie to Heidelberg Classis and Rev. E. Erb to Tuscarawas Classis.

PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.

Item 19. Allegheny Classis will meet in Zion Reformed Church, Hiland avenue, Pittsburgh, the first Friday in May, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., President, Rev. T. F. Stouffer, Stated Clerk.

Item 20. Clarion Classis will meet in the Red Bank Reformed Church, Clarion county, on the first Thursday in May, 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. H. Hoffman, President, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, S. C.

Item 21. Somerset Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Myersdale, Somerset county, on Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. A. E. Truxal, President, Rev. H. F. Keener, S. C.

Item 22. St. Paul's Classis will meet in Zion Church, Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, President, Rev. D. D. Leberman, S. C.

Item 23. Westmoreland Classis will meet in the Emmanuel Church, Westmoreland county, Pa., on the second Friday in June, 1875, at 2 o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. W. Love, President, Rev. J. F. Snyder, S. C.

Item 24. West New York Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church, Buffalo, New York, on Thursday before full moon in September, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. D. Willers, D. D., President, Rev. H. C. Heyser, S. C. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. SNYDER,
H. F. KEENER,
T. F. STOUFFER, } Committee.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the Classes excused.

Item 4. The request was not granted.

Item 5. Synod interprets this article of the Constitution to mean that each and every acceptance and resignation shall be subject to the approval of Classis.

Item 6. For the action of Synod see Art. XX., Miscellaneous.

Item 10. The request was granted.

Item 12, was adopted, and directed that the record be corrected for this year.

Item 3, and all the remaining items of the report not already noted, were adopted.

ARTICLE X.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

“ In the name of the Triune God. Amen.”

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST :—This fifth report on the State of the Church within our Synodical bounds, is submitted for your consideration with devout gratitude to God for all the blessings of the present life, and all the hopes of a better life to come.

The Classical reports are before us and read. Other proper means of information have been also employed in discharging the duty assigned us. The difficulty of presenting a fair and full report has been realized. At best, we know only in part, and only in part is it proposed to prophesy.

The state of the Church ! What is it ? Who can tell ? What are the achievements of the past, what the considerations at the present ; and what the probabilities of the future as reported from the several signal stations within our bounds ?

We note first, as a cause of gratitude to God, that none of our ministers have been called away by death. Upon the contrary, our number has grown from sixty to sixty-seven, an increase of 12 per cent.

While we acknowledge our infirmities, and bewail the corruption of our nature, and confess that, as a consequence, we have not been as faithful and diligent as we ought to have been in using the helps of God's grace for the work within us and before us, we nevertheless claim, with joy and gratitude, that there are obvious evidences of both extensive and intensive progress.

Churches have been built and consecrated to the service of God. Nine new temples have been erected, or put in course of erection, during the last year. An institution for the Christian education of young ladies has been founded under the direction of Synod. The college scheme has been revived with fresh hopes. When these enterprises have once become tangible and practical realities, our children will not need to cross

the mountains to carry forward their higher education under the nurture of the Church. Nearer home shall our sons "be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner-stones polished after the similitude of a palace."

Our statistical showing appears to advantage in comparison with that of last year. There is an increase in nearly all the corresponding columns, except those showing the number of excommunications and deaths. There is a numerical growth of 1,200 unconfirmed members, and 600 communicants. Our people have given nearly \$70,000 during the year for different church and benevolent purposes—an average of nearly \$8 to each communicant member.

These evidences of outward ecclesiastical growth, with many others of the same character, are both testimonials and results of corresponding progress in the powers of the inner life. This is not considered marvelous when we bear in mind that Christianity is the highest order of life; and that the Holy Ghost has used His own ordained means to work and confirm "the faith of the Son of God" in the hearts of His people. Our ministers are, without exception, reported as faithful stewards in these mysteries of God, and the fruit of their labor appears.

This fruit is manifest in the growth of all the Christian graces that are added in an organic way to the principle of faith. It shows itself also in the crucifixion of carnal propensities. Unchristian controversy and bitter strife are giving away to make room for practical Christian work. There is no less disposition to defend the truths of the gospel and the customs of the Church, but a more deep conviction that it is our peculiar calling to perform practical labor for the upholding of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our midst. Placed geographically between polemic fires, our situation is somewhat trying to our patience. Yet we are still disposed to study the things that make for peace, without any intention of healing the hurt of the daughter of God's people slightly.

Another encouraging sign among our people is the cultivation of proper self-respect. There is a finer discrimination between the genuine and counterfeit elements of social worth; and a growing disposition to distinguish between airy flights of empty ostentation and the substantial properties of unassuming dignity. This, under grace, leads us to cherish a proper pride in our Reformed ancestry, and respect for the hallowed customs in which their sacred memories are enshrined. We find a pleasing relish in the consciousness of "traveling home to God in the way the fathers trod." These things are a good omen. They prophesy a better day. They promise us greater strength, and more commanding influence for good.

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

J. I. SWANDER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
A. E. TRUXAL,		
J. DOTTERER,		
JOSEPH CORT,		
S. P. YOCKEY,		

ARTICLE XI.

MISSIONS.

The following communication and reports were received from the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions :

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—I herewith transmit to you the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. Your Board, composed of the members elected by the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and the Potomac, have had, during the first year of their operations in this united form, a large field claiming their attention, with small resources, and no little trouble to put things in running order. We hope to secure your approval for the work of the past year, and your hearty co-operation during the coming year, at the end of which we shall furnish you with a more favorable report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER,

President of the Board of Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Reverends the Synod of the Reformed Church, U. S., the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Synod of the Potomac :

DEAR BRETHREN :—It is now one year since your Board of Missions was established in its present new form, though organized and active, from no fault of its members, for only ten months. During this period three regular meetings of the Board itself, and many more of the Executive Council, have been held. At the very outstart we were confronted with a number of formidable difficulties. To overcome them, and further the work generally, we adopted the best feasible methods we could think of. We cared for and directed the missions to the extent of our ability ; and we shall submit to your attention a number of suggestions, suitable action on which by your reverend bodies, will greatly aid the success of the cause of missions among us.

Of difficulties, we mention the following :

1. The separatistic way, become customary, of acting with respect to this matter on the part of Synods, Classes, even congregations and individuals. Taking the territory covered by these Synods as a whole, we lacked system. Our strength was broken up into fragments, unable to accomplish ends demanding strong united force. Whatever its justification in the past, this state of things had become a great evil, leading the Synods to establish the present Board with the view to a remedy, by awakening and organizing throughout our bounds united action. But its establishment and activity, of course, could not at once completely overcome existing arrangements and old habits. With our best efforts, this still remains, in a measure, a great hindrance. A few Classes, and a number of congregations and pastors, continue to act as before, though the great

majority have gradually, during the year, fallen in with the intent of the action of the Synods. We have the dawn of a better day, thus, for the blessed cause of missions in the Reformed Church, but by no means the fullness of that for which we are to look.

2. Our arrangements for gathering missionary contributions have been for years past, and still are, very defective in many parts of the Church. There are congregations, and probably whole charges, in which missionary collections are not customary. And to a very limited extent were, until now, the energies of our Sunday Schools enlisted in this good work.

3. To this comes the fact, much to be deplored, that we, as a Church, have never yet had the Spirit of Missions active among us as we should. We have a mission with respect to missions, and we have not hitherto fully apprehended it. Our opportunities are great and enlarging, but our practical efforts to meet them come short. There exists in this respect a lethargy which has impeded all Boards and obstructs ours.

4. Another hindrance has been the feeling among some brethren in the Church, that our elements can neither be brought to concerted action, nor kept continuously, amid the unavoidable difficulties, in the prosecution of far-reaching methods and ends. It is true, the spirit of constant change of plan and division of effort has had a long day among us; but if the Synods and Classes give the Board their firm support by resolve and by deed, it is believed that there will soon be no longer cause for the feeling mentioned.

5. The activity of your Board began just as the full effect of the financial panic began to be felt all over the country, and it became necessarily a principal sufferer from the common disaster.

6. Some of the Synods made no provision last autumn for carrying forward their missions during the winter and early spring. In these cases there was an official transfer of missions to the Board, but no official provision to sustain them. It was hap-hazard whether we should get the needful means or not.

7. Several of the Classes in different Synods were largely in debt on old claims. The creation of the new Board was their common occasion for settling up with the past. Their contributions for the current year were thus diverted, in some cases entirely, in others largely, from our treasury.

8. We found many of our missions heavily loaded with debt. This fact prevented the rapid decrease of appropriations in such cases, and so tended to straighten the treasury to the disadvantage of other missions.

To overcome these difficulties, and to carry forward the work in hand, the Board set itself to do the following, among other things:

1. It sought to bring the different Classes, and, through them, their pastors and people, into harmonious co-operation with itself. It strove to get all to work, and to get all to work in one common channel.

2. The Classes were frankly informed of the amount of money needed to carry forward the missions, which they and the Synods had transferred. An equitable division of this amount was suggested, for the raising of which they were urged to make provision among their charges. The measure was so just as to meet with almost unanimous favor; and its faithful and punctual execution, and it alone, will make possible the prompt payment of the missionaries.

3. We have sought to enlist the sympathy and support of the Sunday Schools; and we shall press our effort until it is everywhere adopted in some suitable form.

4. Only promising new missions will be taken under the care of the Board. None other need apply. And all missions, unless for especially good reasons, will be subjected to an annual diminution of twenty-five per cent. of their appropriation.

5. The Board set itself, wherever needed, and it could do it, to reorganize the financial arrangements of the missions themselves, with the view of enabling them the sooner to become self-supporting. In a number of cases this has been done with good effect, and needs to be done in others. And, what is of no small account, the Board has set its face against all attempts on the part of missions to involve themselves in large church debts. Far better worship in a neat churchly chapel, than in never so fine a structure, oppressing the congregation with an unmanageable debt.

The following missions have been under the care of the Board; some during the year; others, during part of it. To avoid consuming too much space, leading facts only are given. In the following synopsis, the word "old," denotes the year just past, and the word "new," the year now begun:

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH, U. S.

Catasauqua, Pa.—Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor. English and German. Appropriation; old, \$700; new, not determined on.

Reading, Pa.—*Christ Church*, Rev. J. A. Fuendeling, pastor. German. App. \$800.

St. John's, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, pastor. English and German. App. \$200.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—Rev. N. Z. Snyder, pastor. English and German. App. \$400.

Doylestown, Pa.—Rev. L. C. Sheip, pastor. English and German. Appropriation not determined on.

Philadelphia.—*St. Stephen's*, Rev. A. Romich, pastor. German. App., old, \$300; new, \$225.

St. John's, Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. English. App., old, \$400; new, not determined on.

St. Paul's, Rev. J. Roeck, pastor. German. App. \$200. Now transferred to German Philadelphia Classis.

Camden, Del.—Vacant. English. App. \$300.

Harrisburg, Pa.—*Second Church*, Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. English. App. \$300.

Zwingli, Rev. M. Noll, pastor. German. App. \$300.

Columbia, Pa.—Rev. C. Clever, pastor. English. App. \$200.

Lykens, Pa.—Rev. J. Kretzing, pastor. English and German. App. \$350.

Hazleton, Pa.—*Emanuel's*. Vacant. German. Appropriation not determined on.

Overton, Pa.—Rev. J. H. Schlappig, pastor. English and German. App. \$75.

Liverpool, Pa.—Rev. W. Donat, pastor. English and German. App. \$150.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Kittanning, Pa.—Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. English. App., old, \$400 ; new, \$300.

Meadville, Pa.—Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. English and German. App. \$150.

Cumberland, Md.—Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. German. App., old, \$500 ; new, \$400.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*St. Paul's*, Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. German. App., old, \$400 ; new, \$300.

St. James'.—Vacant. German. App., old, \$300 ; new, \$225.

Trinity.—Rev. T. F. Stouffer, pastor. English. App., old, \$500 ; new, \$400.

Zion's, Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., pastor. English. App., old, \$400 ; new, \$300.

Triadelphia, W. Va.—Supplied by Rev. I. C. Mueller. German. App., old, \$200 ; new, not determined on.

Scottdale, Pa.—Rev. L. B. Leasure, pastor. English. App., old, \$300 ; new, \$200.

Zion's Valley, Pa.—Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, pastor. English. App., old, \$150 ; now discontinued as a mission, and supplied by neighboring pastors.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Duncannon, Pa.—Rev. H. Wissler, pastor. English and German. App. \$400.

Washington, D. C.—Rev. M. Treiber, pastor. German. App., old, \$400 ; new, not determined on.

Baltimore, Md.—*Emanuel's*, Rev. J. C. Hauser, pastor. German. App., old, \$300 ; new, not determined on.

Winchester, Va.—Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. English. App. \$350.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. J. H. Krueger, pastor. German. App. \$330.

Stockton, Cal.—Rev. J. Muellhaupt, pastor. German. App., old, \$110 ; new, \$80.

Napa, Cal.—Rev. F. Fox, pastor. English and German. App. \$440.

Portland, Oregon.—Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. German. App. \$600.

The following *new* missions, all very hopeful, have been taken under the care of the Board during the year :

Buffalo, N. Y.—*Salem*, Rev. C. Kuss, pastor. German. App. \$300.

Titusville, Pa.—Rev. I. E. Graeff, pastor. English and German. App. \$300. (Circumstances have made this a mission, and it is hoped but for a very short time.)

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*St. Luke's*, Rev. P. Schuelke, pastor. German. App. \$200.

Washington, D. C.—Vacant. English. Appropriation not determined on.

The German Philadelphia Classis, active in this work, reports the following missions :

Philadelphia.—*Emanuel's*, Rev. C. Keller, pastor. App. \$150.

Glassboro', N. J.—Rev. Charles Becker, pastor. App. \$150.

Egg Harbor, N. J.—Rev. John Bachman, pastor. App. \$300.

As will thus be seen, this report includes *forty-one missions*. The report of the Treasurer shows a total income of *eight thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars and thirty-five cents*, as follows :

For missions directly under the care of the Board	\$7,608 00
“ “ in Iowa, and paid to the Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	556 02
“ “ in German Philadelphia Classis.....	816 33

Old missionary debts of Classes, hereinbefore referred to, probably shortened our income by from two to three thousand dollars. Several hundred dollars paid, came also too late for the Treasurer's Report this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We suggest the holding of missionary services or festivals, at least once a year, in all our congregations; and oftener, where possible.

2. A general introduction of missionary services, and collections, at stated times, in our Sunday Schools.

3. The amount of funds needed by the Board for the coming *classical* year is estimated at *fourteen thousand dollars* (\$14,000). Of this sum we submit the following division :

Synod of United States.....	\$7,500 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	3,200 00
Potomac “	3,300 00

4. The manner of sending money to the General Treasurer is at present, in many cases, cumbersome and slow. Punctual quarterly remittances to him, and receipts from him to the several treasurers, would be simpler and preferable.

In conclusion, we submit anew the sacred cause of Missions to your fostering care and wise direction.

Respectfully submitted.

F. K. LEVAN,
Superintendent of Missions.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Having been elected Treasurer of the Joint Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, I beg leave, very respectfully, to submit the following report:

Received from January 1st to October 13th, 1874, (both inclusive,) the sum of eight thousand one hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$8,164).

Paid out upon orders of the Board during the same period, the sum of eight thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-three cents (\$8,295.73).

The annexed Statement will exhibit, in detail, the sources of the Contributions of the different Synods and Classes:

WILLIAM H. SEIBERT, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Receipts from January 1st to October 13th, 1874.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

		<i>Charges.</i>	<i>S. Schools.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Classis of Philadelphia, from Charges,		\$778 72		
" " S. Schools,			\$22 34	\$801 06
" Goshenhoppen, " Charges,				592 68
" E. Penna., " " "	918 11			
" " S. Schools,			182 00	1,045 11
" Tohickon, " Charges,	495 50			
" " S. Schools,			6 63	502 13
" Lebanon, " Charges,				1,431 36
" Lancaster, " " "	687 89			
" " S. Schools,			51 64	739 53
" West Susq., " Charges,	273 11			
" " S. Schools,			10 00	283 11
" East Susq., " Charges,				216 25
" New York, " " "				50 00
Totals, from Synod of United States,		\$3,148 33	\$222 61	\$5,661 23

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Zion, from Charges,	\$623 48		
" " S. Schools,		\$25 00	\$648 48
" Maryland, " Charges,	180 60		
" " S. Schools,		122 99	303 59
" Mercersburg, " Charges,	107 65		
" " S. Schools,		19 38	126 98
" Virginia, " Charges,			107 50
Totals, from the Synod of the Potomac,	\$911 73	\$167 32	\$1,186 55

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

From the Treasurer of Synod,			\$578 50
Classis of Allegheny, from Charges,			7 00
" Clarion, " " "	\$484 67		
" " S. Schools,		\$12 15	496 82
" St. Paul, " Charges,			150 00
Totals, from the Synod of Pittsburgh,	\$484 67	\$12 15	\$1,232 32
			83 90
Totals, from all sources,	\$7,761 92	\$402 08	\$8,164 00

RECAPITULATION BY SYNODS.

Synod of the United States,		\$5,661 23
S. Schools,	\$222 61	
" " Potomac,		1,186 55
S. Schools,	167 82	
" " Pittsburgh,		1,232 82
S. Schools,	12 15	
	<hr/>	
	\$402 08	

Amount received from late Treasurer..... 88 90

Total amount received.....\$8,164 00

 " " paid out..... 8,295 78

Balance due Treasurer..... \$ 131 78

NOTE 1.—Of the total amount received (\$8,164), five hundred and fifty-six dollars and two cents (\$556.02), was designated for Missions in Iowa, and paid to the Treasurer of the English Iowa Classis.

NOTE 2.—The Missionary Treasurer of the German Philadelphia Classis, W. D. Gross, Esq., reports amount received for Missions from

January, 1878, to September, 1874.....\$816 83

 Paid out by him..... 908 84

In conclusion, it is with regret that I have to state, that the amount contributed for Home Missions has been insufficient to pay the salaries of the missionaries in full. The large sum of \$4,000 is still needed to pay the orders issued up to date.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13, 1874.

I hereby certify that I have audited the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and find it to be correct, showing a balance due him of \$131.73.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13, 1874.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, and taken up item by item :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that the following communications were placed in their hands: a letter from Rev. J. O. Miller, President of the Board of Home Missions; the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Superintendent.

From their communications we learn that the Board of Home Missions, elected one year ago by the three Synods east of the Ohio, has been fully organized, and is now actively engaged in carrying forward the great work entrusted to it. At this time it has under its care forty-one missions, of which twelve are located within the bounds of this Synod. For the purpose of supporting these missions, the Board asks of this Synod the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars, which is about the amount appropriated to its (the Synod's) missions.

Your committee would recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod fully approves of the course pursued by the Board of Missions in prosecuting its work, and learns with pleasure of the success which so far has attended its labors.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-four hundred dollars be apportioned upon the Classes of this Synod, and that they be urged to make all proper effort to have the same promptly paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, in accordance with the instructions already given with reference to the payment of moneys apportioned upon the Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TITZEL,
B. KNEPPER,
JACOB HERSHEY, } *Committee.*

The report was adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions be directed to give, hereafter, in his report to this Synod, a statement in detail of the amounts paid to the several missions under their care.

Resolved, That the Missionary Superintendent be and is hereby requested to furnish each missionary with an order on the Treasurer of the Board of Missions at the expiration of each quarter's services for the amount due; and, also, that he furnish the Treasurer of this Synod with the amount of salary due each missionary up to the time of transfer of Synod's missions to the Tri-Synodical Board.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Four years, Rev. D. B. Lady; *three years*, Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.
two years, Rev. W. Rupp; *one year*, Rev. J. I. Swander.

ARTICLE XII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report to Synod at Berlin.

The Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Synod would herewith respectfully submit his report for the year just ended. His account stands as follows :

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

Dr.				
1873.				
Nov. 22.	Received per T. J. Craig, Treasurer.....		\$25 00	
Dec. 1.	" " "		75 00	
1874.				
Feb. 18.	" " "		14 09	
March 16.	" " "		20 00	
April 8.	" " "		200 00	
Sept. 13.	" " "		148 00	
May 25.	" " "		15 00	see note.
Oct. 2.	" " "		25 00	
			<hr/>	\$522 09

CLARION CLASSIS.

1874.				
Jan. 10.	Received per A. Bonnett.....		3 00	
March 6.	" J. G. Shoemaker, Treasurer.....		414 93	
" 11.	" " "		179 01	
Aug. 22.	" A. Bonnett.....		5 00	
Sept. 18.	" D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer.....		99 00	
"	" " "		26 00	
"	" " "		87 50	
Sept. 19.	" " "		100 00	
" 23.	" " "		208 00	
			<hr/>	1,069 44

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

1874.				
Jan. 13.	Received per W. Rupp, Treasurer.....		184 00	
May 13.	" " "		69 19	
" 18.	" " "		65 90	
" 19.	" " "		66 67	
June 9.	" " "		175 45	
			<hr/>	561 21

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

	Received per F. K. L., Collection at Synod.....		12 00	
Sept. 13.	" C. M. Bousch, Treasurer.....		75 95	
Oct. 13.	" W. H. S.....		150 00	
			<hr/>	237 95

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1873.				
Dec. 18.	Received per J. W. Love, Treasurer.....		75 00	
1874.				
Jan. 8.	" " "		75 00	
June 3.	" " "		150 00	
" 10.	" " "		125 00	
Aug. 22.	" " "		100 00	
Oct. 6.	" J. I. S.....		38 50	
			<hr/>	563 50

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

Dr.				
1873.				
Oct. 20.	Received per Mr. Mennig, Treasurer.....		75 00	
" 20.	" Rev. B. Erb.....		8 00	
1874.				
Oct. 16.	" J. B. Kniest.....		35 00	
			<hr/>	113 00

Amount Total received by Treasurer.

From Allegheny Classis.....	\$ 522 09
" Clarion Classis.....	1,067 44
" Somerset Classis.....	561 21
" St. Paul's Classis.....	237 95
" Westmoreland Classis.....	568 50
" West New York Classis.....	118 00
" Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Advertisem'ts, Minutes of Synod,	60 00
" F. K. L., balance of Cont. collection.....	2 10
	<hr/> \$3,127 29

Cr. *By Amount Paid Out.*

1873.			
Nov. 22.	To Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.....	\$ 25 00	
Dec. 1.	" " " "	75 00	
" 18.	" Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, for publishing Minutes of Synod	70 00	
1874.			
Jan. '8.	" H. Appel, Treasurer St. Paul's Congregation...	75 00	
Jan. 13.	" C. Cast, per W. R.	38 00	
"	" J. W. Alspach, per W. R.	17 09	
"	" C. Cast, "	60 00	
"	" " " "	15 37	
"	" " " "	58 54	
Jan. 17.	" G. J. Muelder, St. James' Congregation.....	22 00	
Feb. 18.	" Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.....	10 00	
"	" " " " Postage, &c.....	7 85	
"	" " " " "	6 24	
"	" " " " Salary.....	50 00	
Feb. 11.	" D. S. Dieffenbacher.....	75 90	
"	" " " "	79 01	
"	" " " "	24 00	
March 16.	" C. Cast.....	15 00	
"	" S. Thomas.....	15 00	
"	" J. Fuendeling, balance in full.....	20 00	
"	" F. K. Levan, " "	77 41	
"	" T. F. Stouffer.....	20 00	
March 23.	" H. Appel, Treasurer.....	100 00	
April 7.	" T. F. Stouffer	50 00	
April 8.	" G. B. Russell.....	100 00	
"	" L. B. Leasure.....	100 00	
"	" S. Thomas, balance to Oct. 1st, 1873.....	64 14	
April 15.	" H. Appel, Treasurer.....	100 00	
May 25.	" G. J. Muelder, (W. H. S.).....	55 00	
June 6.	" G. H. Johnston.....	200 00	
June 5.	" J. W. Alspach, (per W. R.).....	55 45	
"	" C. Cast, (W. H. S.).....	20 00	
"	" " " "	100 00	
June 25.	" T. F. Stouffer.....	57 12	
July 24.	" G. H. Johnston.....	200 00	
Aug. 31.	" W. E. Krebs, balance as Stated Clerk.....	50 00	
Sept. 2.	" T. F. Stouffer, (W. H. S.).....	50 00	
" 14.	" G. B. Russell.....	38 00	
" 17.	" W. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	175 00	
Sept. 18.	" D. S. Dieffenbacher.....	99 00	
"	" " " "	26 00	
"	" " " " (H. W. H.).....	37 50	

Oct.	3.	To W. H. S.....	\$ 100 00
"	3.	" "	25 00
"	6.	" "	38 50
Sept.	19.	" "	100 00
"	23.	" "	208 00
"	14.	" T. J. C.....	15 00
Oct.	13.	" W. H. S.....	150 00
Total Cr.....			\$3,155 22
" Dr.....			8,127 29
Balance due Treasurer.....			\$27 93

NOTE.—This item has been placed twice in both the Dr. and Cr. columns.

By looking at the assessments made by the Synod at Titusville, it will be seen that the Classes are still in arrears. It is in consequence of this that the Treasurer could not meet the just demands made. Though our income has been over seven hundred dollars (\$700) more than last year, yet it is mainly owing to concurrent favorable circumstances that our general indebtedness is much less now than then. We should have had at least fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) more paid in to meet all current claims.

W. E. SCHMERTZ, *Treasurer, Pittsburgh.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Finance offer for your adoption the following report: We find the Report of Synod's Treasurer to be correct. The treasury is empty, and claims to the amount of about fifteen hundred dollars still remain unpaid. This, together with claims that will become due before the next annual meetings of the Classes, has been provided for by last year's apportionment.

To carry forward the work of Home Missions and Beneficiary Education, and to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, will require at least five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. To meet this demand upon the treasury, we propose the following apportionment:

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

Missions.....	\$520 00
Beneficiary Education.....	300 00
Synodical Expenses.....	80 00
	————— \$850 00

CLARION CLASSIS.

Missions.....	800 00
Beneficiary Education.....	250 00
Synodical Expenses.....	50 00
	————— 1,100 00

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Missions.....	750 00
Beneficiary Education.....	210 00
Synodical Expenses.....	40 00
	————— 1,000 00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Missions.....	\$570 00
Beneficiary Education.....	300 00
Synodical Expenses.....	80 00
	<hr/> \$900 00

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Missions.....	700 00
Beneficiary Education.....	350 00
Synodical Education.....	50 00
	<hr/> 1,100 00

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

Missions.....	200 00
Beneficiary Education.....	75 00
Synodical Expenses.....	25 00
	<hr/> 300 00

Total.. \$5,250 00

The Classes having transferred their beneficiary students to the Synod's Board, have provided for them only in part. It seems difficult to apportion the deficiency of what will be necessary to meet the just expectations of our students. We can only commend this good cause to the liberality of the Church at large during the period intervening between this and the next annual meetings of the Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
H. F. KEENER,		
J. F. WIAINT,		
W. R. BARNHART,		
JOHN DAUBENSPECK,		

The attention of the Treasurer of Synod, and Treasurers of the several Classes, is called to resolution of the Synod of last year with regard to the publishing of quarterly statements in "OUR CHURCH PAPER."

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Elder C. M. Bousch, Treasurer of St. Paul's Classis, asking credit for \$1,065.33, claiming that this amount was paid by St. Paul's Classis to missions within its own bounds, offers the following report:

1. Saegertown, with apportionment of \$100, is not recognized by this Synod as a mission.

2. For \$100, paid to Meadville, Classis has credit on the book of W. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

We therefore recommend that this Synod give St. Paul's Classis credit for the sum of \$865.33, this credit to be given on apportionments made previous to June, 1874.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. TRUXAL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JOS. H. APPLE,		
T. J. CRAIG,		

Rev. S. Shaw was appointed to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod for the use of the sexton. The report is as follows :

Your committee to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, for contingent expenses, would report that the matter, so far as possible, had been attended to, and that \$11 has been collected.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SHAW.

The above amount was paid over to the pastor, Rev. W. Rupp, by order of Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

ORPHAN HOME.

The Report of the Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, Pa., which was read and received, was referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

The following report was received from the Board of Directors, and referred to the same Committee :

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church :

In submitting another annual report of the condition of St. Paul's Orphan Home the Board desires to remind the Synod of the fact that the Lord's blessing has rested, in a peculiar manner, upon this institution, from its commencement until the present time. Nor is this strange. For caring for the destitute, gathering up the fatherless, and training them for usefulness, both in the Church and in the State, is a work more in accordance, perhaps, with the mind of the Master than any other. It is true missionary labor, which has the promise of the constant presence and blessing of the Lord.

With regard to the internal management of the Home, we take pleasure in reporting that it meets the idea of a Christian Home. The children, all of whom are baptized, and therefore members of the Church of Christ, are instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. They read the Scriptures, sing the hymns and chants of the Church, and address God in the service of prayer. The discipline is strict, but such only as a kind father or mother would use to secure the most hearty obedience of a child. The fruit of this training has already begun to appear. Last spring quite a number, after having received a course of special catechetical instruction, were confirmed, and are now, as far as we have been able to learn, consistent communicant members of the Church.

The school, under Mr. E. H. Diehl, as teacher, during the last year, has reached a much higher point of efficiency than at any former time. The fact that Prof. Wickersham, State Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Homes, has pronounced its management and progress as "satisfactory in every respect," is conclusive evidence that it is conducted in harmony with the best principles of our popular educational system.

With regard to external matters we are able to report that the little farm has been well cultivated; and, by the blessing of God, has yielded bountifully in return. The building is now being thoroughly repaired,

and will soon present a new appearance, as it is being repainted both inside and outside.

During the year the Board held one regular meeting. There was a bare quorum present, which, however, was not a new feature, but only a repetition of what occurs every year. We, therefore, suggest to the Synod the necessity of electing only such members as live near enough to the Home, and have enough interest in its prosperity, to attend the regular meetings of the Board.

In conclusion, the Board asks the Synod to remember that St. Paul's Orphan Home is her own child, and needs the prayers of all her members, and a portion of the means with which the Lord has blessed them. For, notwithstanding our efforts to raise funds, the Home is still in debt. A united, hearty effort in all our Churches would at once enable the Board to wipe out its indebtedness, and, being free of debt and the property in good repair, more orphans could be cared for. For want of means many who knock for admission, and who are baptized members of our own Church, have to be turned away. We ask Synod to take such action as will secure, if possible, a hearty response from all the baptized and confirmed members of our Church.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
President of the Board.

The Committee on Orphan Home submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Several documents referred to the committee contain satisfactory statements in regard to the condition and wants of the Home. The Report of the Board of Directors is concise and clear, as stating in sum what should go before the people of our Synod, and is embodied in this report.

(See Report, above.)

It is of the first importance to the success and continued prosperity of this Home, that its daily wants be properly provided for from the benevolence of the Church. As expressing the mind and heart of the Synod in behalf of this noble institution, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the St. Paul's Orphan Home presents to the people of our Church an object of most worthy and practical Christian beneficence, and its continuous claims to their hearty love and active charity, are most cordially commended to the people of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That the several Classes provide for special collections, personal donations, and large gifts from the people of their congregations, so far as the love of Christ constrains them.

Resolved, That the children of the Church should have an opportunity to make at least one free contribution each year to the support of the Orphan Home.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
J. RUHL,		
S. SHAW,		
JOSEPH CORT,		
LEVI KNEPPER,		

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Four years, W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolf, Jr., Jos. Cort and T. F. Stouffer ;
three years, C. Siebert, A. Dale, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and T. J. Craig ; *two*
years, W. H. Brill, J. F. Snyder, D. D. Leberman and C. R. Dieffenbacher ;
one year, J. F. Wiant, D. W. Wolff, T. J. Barkley and P. Keil.

ARTICLE XIV.

PUBLICATION.

The following report from the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication :

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church :

The Board of Publication, elected at the last annual meeting, submit the following report :

During the Synodical year the Board held two meetings ; the first about the first of December, 1873, and the second about the middle of the same month. At the last meeting, the Board, by resolution, offered the publication of OUR CHURCH PAPER to Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., for one year or more, on condition that he would assume the entire pecuniary responsibility of said publication. Dr. Russell accepted it, and the paper has appeared regularly twice each month since the beginning of the year.

As far as your Board have been able to learn, the paper gives general satisfaction, and is regarded by its readers as a welcome visitor.

In regard to its success, in a financial point of view, your Board is unable to give any definite information ; but refers the Synod to the editor, who has had sole control of the enterprise, in all its departments, and who can, doubtless, furnish the data necessary for the Synod to base any action on that may be deemed necessary for the future.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
Secretary of the Board.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The committee presented their report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Publication would report the following :

The only papers coming into our hands are the Report of the Board of Publication, and a statement and appeal from the Eastern Board of Publication. From the former we learn that, in December, 1873, the Synodical Board offered the publication of OUR CHURCH PAPER to Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., for one or more years, on the condition that he assume the

entire pecuniary responsibility. Dr. Russell accepted it, and has issued the paper regularly to date, and intends to continue its publication.

The committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod endorse the above action of the Board.
2. *Resolved*, That we have noticed with pleasure a marked improvement in the general editorial management and appearance of the paper, during the past year.
3. *Resolved*, That we realize the value of OUR CHURCH PAPER, as a help in our pastoral work, and as a means of educational training in our families, and hence will continue our efforts to increase its circulation.
4. *Resolved*, That in order to make the paper still more interesting and valuable to all its readers, it is only necessary that the ministers of Synod frequently contribute to its columns, and promptly communicate all items of Church news indicating progress and essential growth.

With reference to the statement and appeal from the Eastern Board of Publication, we propose the following :

Resolved, That this Synod deeply sympathizes with this Board, and hereby pledges its patronage and support, so far as it does not interfere with the publication of this Synod.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, are pleased with the proposed changes in the form and price of the *Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. KEENER,	} Committee.
J. M. TITZEL,	
JOHN McCONNELL,	
JOS. CORT,	
CH. FULMER,	

The Stated Clerk reported that he had the Minutes of last year published, and distributed them, in accordance with the instructions of Synod.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes of the present session published, and distribute them, giving each minister of the Church a copy.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Five years, J. A. Hoffheins ; *four years*, T. J. Craig ; *three years*, F. K. Levan ; *two years*, W. E. Schmertz ; *one year*, T. J. Barkley.

ARTICLE XV.

EDUCATION.

The following Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education was received; the general plan therein set forth approved, and then referred to the Committee on Education, except the item referring to money, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Board of Beneficiary Education held a meeting at Irwin, Pa.; in April last, for the purpose of organizing and adopting a plan of operations.

After a full discussion, we adopted the following regulations :

To carry out the object of our election as a Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod, we hereby adopt the following rules for the management of the trust committed to us :

1. This Board shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall be agreed upon, but special meetings may be called when occasion seems to require, and shall be at the request of any two members of the Board.

2. The officers of this Board shall be a President, and Treasurer and Secretary.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to superintend, in general, the work of the Board. He is especially authorized to counsel, advise, direct, reprimand, and, if need be, suspend, any student under the care of this Board from his benefice ; and this action shall always be subject to revision by the Board, at its next meeting. He shall be Treasurer of all moneys contributed to the cause of Beneficiary Education, and pay out the same under the direction of the Board, as hereinafter specified ; and is expected to devise ways and means to carry on the operations of the Board.

It shall be his duty, still further, to submit a full and accurate report of the doings and condition of the affairs of the Board to each annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod.

He shall, also, hold and preserve the bonds of each student, as hereinafter required to be given.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board, a list of all the beneficiaries taken under its care, and the appropriation given each one from year to year, and shall furnish each one of them with a copy of the rules relating to the condition on which they receive beneficiary aid, at the beginning of their term of study.

5. Any applicant who feels himself called to the work of the holy ministry in the Reformed Church, in order to be received under the care and aid of this Board, must be a communicant member of the Reformed Church, in good and regular standing ; must be well recommended by his pastor, or the Consistory of the congregation to which he belongs, as having the physical, mental and religious fitness to entitle him to assistance. The Board must also be satisfied that he has not command of sufficient funds to enable him to bear the expense of the necessary preparation for the ministry, and he shall sign the following declaration :

"I do hereby declare that I feel myself called to the work of the holy ministry, and am willing, with divine help, to consecrate myself heartily and unreservedly to this service. I, also, solemnly engage to use all due diligence in preparing myself for its sacred duties, under the proper guidance, counsel, rules and regulations of the Board of Beneficiary Education. And, further, I sincerely promise that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, continue in the prosecution of my studies to this end, except only with the consent of said Board ; nor will I, during my term of study, make any matrimonial or other engagements, which may interrupt or in

any way interfere with my preparation for the holy office of a minister of the Gospel."

When these conditions are met, and on receiving the first appropriation, he must give to the President and Treasurer of this Board, a bond, with approved security, in the amount of a sum sufficient to indemnify the Board for such funds as may be required to complete his preparation for the ministry; so that, should he be suspended from his benefice, or, for any reason, discontinue his studies, or not enter the ministry of the Reformed Church, and continue therein at least ten years (except on account of disability or death,) thereupon he, or his securities, shall pay back, or cause to be paid, to the Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Synod, to be again devoted to the cause of Beneficiary Education, the full amount he may have received as beneficiary aid.

6. The following is the form of such bond to be given by each and every beneficiary taken under the care of this Board:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That I, of the County of and State of , am held and firmly bound unto , Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in the sum of Dollars, good and lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said , his certain attorney, or his successor in office, to which payment well and truly to be made, in consideration of the money that has already been received by me, and is promised to be furnished to me from time to time, I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with my seal, and dated this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-

The Conditions of the above Obligation are such,

That if the above bounden shall conduct himself as becomes a candidate for the Holy Ministry, and shall not abandon the object of the ministry during his Collegiate and Seminary course, and shall enter upon the active duties of the ministry in connection with the Reformed Church in the United States, and continue therein for a period of ten years, or should he die, or, in the opinion of the Board, become disabled while a student engaged in his studies or in the active duties of the ministry, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect to the extent of the moneys paid him by the said Board of the Synod, or paid for the Board of Education of the Pittsburgh Synod to him by persons authorized so to do, with legal interest thereon from the actual time of payment, and all costs for recovering the moneys for which this bond is given.

[L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

For the true observance of the above contract or bond, we,
and do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and adminis-

trators, and every of them, unto the said Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Synod, his certain attorney, or his successor in office, to the extent of the moneys paid the aforesaid by the Board of Beneficiary Education, or paid for the Board of the said Synod to him by persons authorized so to do, with legal interest thereon from the actual time of payment, and all costs for recovering the moneys for which the above bond is given.

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the said shall and do, in all things, well and truly observe, fulfill and keep the covenant aforesaid, which on his part and behalf is to be observed and kept, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, as mentioned in the above written bond, then this obligation to be void, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-

[L. S.]
[L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

7. The aid given to each beneficiary shall be according to the necessities of each particular case, but in no instance shall it exceed two hundred dollars per annum.

8. The President and Treasurer of the Board, as a rule, shall pay no money to any beneficiary until within ten days of the close of each session of the institution he may be attending, and then only upon condition that he send the following certificate, signed by the Principal or President of said institution, to wit: This certifies that M—— N—— has been in regular attendance upon the recitations of his class during the past term, except excused for satisfactory reasons; that he has been studious, and has made commendable progress in his studies, and, so far as is known, has been correct in his moral deportment.

9. In case of any extended absence from college or seminary, there shall be a *pro rata* reduction made from the annual appropriation.

10. The several Classes and Charges shall have the privilege of designating to what beneficiaries their contributions shall be applied, provided they comply with the general provisions regulating this Board.

11. The outlay for postage, stationery, and all necessary traveling expenses of the members of this Board shall be paid out of its treasury.

12. These regulations are subject to such amendments or additions, as may be deemed necessary to carry forward successfully the operations of the Board.

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes be respectfully called to the fact that this Board is now fully organized, and, in accordance with the desire of the Pittsburgh Synod, that all the work of its Beneficiary Education be carried forward by means of this Board. And they are requested to place all their Beneficiary Students under its care and control.

The Treasurer was instructed to make public monthly acknowledgments of the contributions received for the Beneficiary cause.

The President was instructed to issue, through OUR CHURCH PAPER, a circular appeal in behalf of Beneficiary Education; and the several pastors are requested to read the same to all their congregations.

On motion, this Board adjourned to meet at Berlin, Pa., Friday, October 16, 1874, at one o'clock, P. M.

SECRETARY.

This action was published in OUR CHURCH PAPER, as was also an appeal to the Church at large, for funds in aid of the cause.

We received notice that four of the six Classes composing this Synod, have transferred their beneficiaries to the care of the Board. We expect also that they will furnish at least sufficient means to support such students as they have placed under our care.

Supplement to the foregoing Report.

At a meeting of the Board, since the above report was received, the following beneficiaries, recommended by their respective Classes, have been taken under the care of the Board, viz.: Ed. Wingenroth, John Schick, W. F. Lechliter, J. C. Tintsman, J. W. Knappenberger, Robert Bowling, J. W. Pontius, and J. N. Apple.

To meet the demands on the Board for the ensuing Synodical year, we ask the Synod to assess at least \$1,500 upon the Classes.

It is hoped that liberal contributions will soon be sent in, so that the Board may be able to meet the rightful expectations of the young men now at College and Seminary depending upon us for aid. May the Lord open the hearts and purses of our membership, to give abundantly to this good cause.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
President.

The following Report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions was received and referred to the Committee on Education:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

At a meeting of the Trustees of Literary Institutions, held in Pittsburgh, on the 3d of March last, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions of the Pittsburgh Synod have heard with pleasure, through members of our Church at Greensburg, Pa., that the way is open for the establishment of a Female Seminary at that place; therefore,

Resolved, That we establish a Female Seminary at Greensburg, Pa., upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

Resolved, That this institution be under the care and control of this Board, in connection with the Principal.

Resolved, That we will attend its annual commencements, and report its condition in our official character to the Synod.

Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing resolutions shall be so construed as to make either this Board or the Synod pecuniarily responsible.

Resolved, That Rev. Lucian Cort, of Martinsburg, Pa., be elected Principal of said School.

The Board is of the opinion that if the Reformed Church included within the bounds of this Synod, is to maintain her social standing with sister churches, we must have a female school in our midst, in which our daughters may be afforded the advantages of a full course of literary and scientific study, and of æsthetic culture.

It is proposed, therefore, to make the Female Seminary at Greensburg, Pa., a first-class school in every respect.

Rev. Prof. L. Cort, the Principal elect, has purchased an eligible site, and erected thereon a large four-story brick building, in every way suitable for the purpose intended, and capable of accommodating from forty to fifty boarders, and as many day pupils. Rev. Cort is entitled to the thanks and substantial support of the whole Synod for the enterprise he has shown in the cause of female education, and for being willing to invest largely of his own private means in a school property for the benefit of the Synod and the Church at large.

It is expected that the building will be ready to open the school in April or May next, and that when it once goes into operation, it will be found to be in every way worthy of the patronage of those for whom it has been established.

We, therefore, ask the influence and co-operation of all the members of this Synod in making it a complete success.

The way does not seem to be open for the establishment of a college for young men, and, therefore, nothing has been done in this direction.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
President.

The report of the Committee on Education was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as follows:

Two papers were referred to the Committee on Education by Synod for consideration, viz.: the Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions and the Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

In regard to Literary Institutions the committee offers the following:

From the Report of the Trustees made to Synod, and from verbal statements made by said Board, the committee learns,

1. That the Board of Literary Institutions has established a Female Seminary at Greensburg, Pa.

2. That they called to the principalship of the Seminary the Rev. Lucian Cort, of Martinsburg, Pa.

3. That Rev. L. Cort accepted this call on the following conditions, viz.:

That the institution be under the care and control of Synod's Board.

That the Board attend its annual commencements, and report its condition annually to Synod.

That the institution receive the encouragement and hearty support of Synod.

That he (Rev. L. Cort,) furnish the means wherewith to purchase the ground and erect the necessary buildings.

It is also a part of the agreement, that Rev. L. Cort assume all financial responsibility, and, consequently, also reap all financial profits.

The committee proposes that Synod adopt the following action :

Resolved, That we approve and sanction the action of the Board in establishing a Female Seminary at Greensburg, Pa., in calling Rev. L. Cort to the principalship thereof, and in entering into the above-mentioned agreement with him.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be instructed to appoint three of its own members as a committee whose duty it shall be to aid the principal in arranging a course of study, in selecting teachers, and in managing the general affairs of the school.

Resolved, That all the members of the Board be expected to attend all public examinations of the pupils as well as the annual commencement of the institution.

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty support to the school, and that we use all our influence to induce young ladies to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by our Seminary.

In regard to a college for young men, we report that we have learned that Rev. G. B. Russell, acting under his official appointment from the Provisional Board of Trustees, has obtained from Mr. James Kelly, of Wilksburg, consent, on certain conditions, to donate a valuable piece of land, of from twelve to fifteen acres, in the Thirty-seventh ward of Pittsburgh, as a site for the proposed college of this Synod, and as it is of the first importance that this noble donation be definitely secured for the groundwork of the plan, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with devout gratitude to God of this favorable indication of the divine favor in Mr. Kelly's large-hearted benevolence, and that we should be thereby moved to renewed purpose and zeal in behalf of the college scheme.

Resolved, That Rev. G. B. Russell, provisional President, be appointed and is hereby empowered to enter into a specific contract with Mr. Kelly for the transfer of the site of said land and receive it in trust for the use of the educational interests of this Synod.

Resolved, That in the above resolution we do not confer the power to bind this Synod, without its consent, to the erection of buildings for the proposed college. But in case funds be first provided for that purpose, the Board of Trustees may feel free to go forward under their appointment, in accordance with the purpose of Synod, without involving this body in any pecuniary liabilities.

In regard to Beneficiary Education, we report as follows :

The Board met in due time after its election, organized and adopted a plan of operation ; which plan has already been approved by Synod.

The Board has taken under its care eight beneficiary students.

The Board state that four out of the six Classes have transferred their beneficiaries to the care and support of the Board.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all the Classes be requested to acquiesce in Synod's plan of Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That the Board be requested to send its students to our institutions at Lancaster, Pa.

Resolved, That the cause of Beneficiary Education be heartily recommended to the prayerful consideration of all our people.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. TRUXAL,
Chairman.

Rev. J. F. Wiant tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Beneficiary Education, which was accepted, and the vacancy thus occurring, referred to the Committee on Nominations.

BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Five years, Jacob Hershey; *four years*, J. W. Love; *three years*, C. R. Dieffenbacher; *two years*, L. Cort; *one year*, G. B. Russell.

TRUSTEES OF LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Three years, J. I. Swander, T. J. Barkley, and J. M. Titzel; *two years*, W. E. Schmertz, W. R. Barnhart, and J. W. Love; *one year*, C. Siebert, T. J. Craig, and W. J. Baer.

ARTICLE XVI.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held three regular meetings during the current Synodical year. The first, November 24th, 1873; the second, May 13th, 1874, and the third, September 20th, 1874.

At the first meeting, the Board organized by re-electing Daniel W. Gross, *President*; David B. Manger, *Vice President*; Edw. J. Zahm, *Rec. Secretary*, and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

At the meeting in May, Bro. Eshbach reported that Miss Mary Morrison, deceased, of Paradise charge, East Susquehanna Classis, had left a legacy to the Church, and authorized her pastor (at that time, the Rev. Henry Moser,) to designate to what particular object it should be applied. He named the Endowment Fund of the Seminary, and, as will be seen by the report of the Treasurer, \$412.93 has been paid to him, and is now embraced in the Endowment Fund of the Seminary.

We have not complied with the action of Synod with regard to the erection of a Seminary building for the following general reasons, viz.:

First. We do not deem it advisable to erect a building, such as the funds now in hand would pay for, because in a few years it would not be sufficient for the wants of the Seminary, and could not then be altered or changed without detriment to its appearance.

Second. It is well known to every one conversant with the erection of large buildings, that an entire building can be erected at a much less percentage of cost than to erect one part at one time and another part afterwards.

Third. We cannot use the notes in hand, for the simple reason that notes will not pay workmen, nor buy material; and, while we believe that nearly all the notes that we hold will be paid, yet we cannot realize on these now, nor in any way use them for the purposes of building.

Fourth. The cash we have in hand is bearing interest, and adding to the principal, while, if invested in a building which we could not finish fit for use of the institution, it would be entirely unproductive.

The Treasurer's statement, which accompanies this report, will explain the financial condition of the institution. From it the Synod will learn that our condition in this respect is steadily improving. With proper care on the part of our pastors, in directing the attention of their people to our institutions, we believe many would be induced to follow the example of Mary Morrison (whose legacy is mentioned above,) and bequeath sums of money to the various objects of benevolence in our Church. Especially should pastors be careful to inform their people of the FORM of bequests, so that the intention of the donors may not be thwarted by any informality in their wills. In this connection, we would suggest that the Board of Publication place in a conspicuous place in the *Messenger*, a blank form for bequests as a standing reminder to the whole Church, and as a guide to those who desire to make bequests to our institutions, or to any benevolent object in our Church.

D. W. GROSS, *President*,
EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec.*,
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treas.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in Account with Library Fund of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1878. To balance due, per account to date.....	\$172 39
Oct. 1, 1874. To sundry interests received to date.	123 09
	<hr/> \$ 295 48

Cr.

Oct. 1, 1874. By sundry bills paid, per vouchers presented to Board.....	135 46
Balance in hand, Oct 1, 1874	<hr/> \$ 160 02

Smaltz Fund Account, John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1878. To Balance due, per account to date.....	\$ 55 00
Oct. 1, 1874. To sundry interests received.....	334 39
	<hr/> \$ 389 39

Cr.

Oct. 1, 1874. By sundry orders paid, issued by A. H. Kremer, President of Board of Visitors, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	225 00
Balance in hand, Oct. 1, 1874.....	<hr/> \$ 164 39

Building Fund Account, John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1873.	To amount balance, per report.....	\$7,846 92
Oct. 10, 1874.	To interest on same to date.....	440 81
"	To amount received by payment of sub. and notes to Oct. 1, 1874.....	1,898 74
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Balance in hand, Oct. 1, 1874.....		\$9,186 47

Pittsburgh Professorship Account, John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1873.	To amount in hand, per report to Board.....	\$ 734 00
Oct. 10, 1874.	To interest on same to date.....	44 04
"	To amount by payment of sub. and notes to Oct. 1, 1874.....	498 55
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Total in hand, Oct. 1, 1874.....		\$1,271 59

Statement of Endowment Fund, John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1873.	To amount of fund reported to Board.....	\$54,915 15
Oct. 1, 1874.	To Plain. bonds, collected by Treasurer to date	800 00
"	To bequest of Miss Mary Morrison, dec'd....	412 98
"	To bank stocks sold, and amount received in excess of par value.....	7,021 88
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Total of Fund Oct. 1, 1874.....		\$63,149 96

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary, John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

1874.	To amount received as income from Oct., 1873, to Oct., 1874,.....	\$ 4,296 29
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Cr.

"	By amount disbursed from Oct., 1873, to Oct., 1874, per vouchers presented to Theological Seminary Board.....	\$4,477 82
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Amount due Treasurer.....		\$ 181 58
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		\$4,477 82

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.*To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :*

BRETHREN: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following as their annual report :

The Seminary was opened on the first Wednesday of September, 1873, and its operations were carried forward successfully and without interruption during the year, for which our gratitude is due to the Head of the Church, who has promised to be with His disciples always unto the end of the world.

The following persons, thirteen in number, were admitted to the privileges of the Seminary as members of the *Junior Class*: Moses H. Diefenderfer, Jos. E. Freeman, Nevin H. Fisher, G. Dickie Gurley, Thomas A. Huber, J. W. Knappenberger, Alpha K. Kline, G. W. Roth, D. Besore Shuey, George M. Zacharias, John J. Crist, Geo. P. Hartzell and Thos. N. Reber. Most of these are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. The three last named were admitted to a "special course of study arranged by the Faculty, with the approval of the Board, for such persons as wish to prepare themselves for the ministry, but who have not the literary qualifications heretofore required for admission into the Seminary."

The *Senior Class*, consisting of H. D. Darbaker, John F. DeLong, James W. G. Dengler, Josiah D. Detrick, John Dotterer, David P. Le Fevre, John H. Pannebecker, William C. Shaeffer and Solomon B. Shafer, nine in all, having completed the prescribed course of study, were, at their own request, dismissed and received the usual certificate of Dismissal and Recommendation for Licensure. They have all received calls, and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry in various parts of the Church. The whole number of students in attendance during the year was thirty-five, which is larger than at any previous time.

As usual, some of the students were under the necessity of leaving the Seminary before the close of the year, on account of limited funds. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Board to prevent such irregularities, experience goes to show that they will continue until more system and promptness are introduced into the Church, in raising money to support our beneficiary students. The examinations at the end of the year were listened to with much attention, and were entirely satisfactory to the Board. They were thorough, and reflected credit upon both professors and students. From the reports of the different professors we learn, that the students, as a body, have been diligent and regular in their studies, and that their Christian conduct has been consistent with their position as candidates for the office of the sacred ministry. It is the opinion of the Board that the Seminary, as a whole, is in a healthy condition, and that its prospects for continued prosperity in the future are encouraging. It is only necessary that the Church should continue to bestow upon this branch of her service her prayers and sympathies, in order to render it fully adequate to meet the increasing wants of our Reformed Zion.

It is, however, a matter of regret, that the number of students is not larger than it is. The yearly addition to the ministry is barely sufficient to compensate for the loss in its ranks, by death or disability. The arrangements in the Seminary are such as would accommodate twice the number now in attendance, without any increase of labor or expense to the Church, and there is no sufficient reason why it should not be so. In no other way can we so effectually build up the kingdom of Christ, as by increasing the number of laborers within our bounds. It is something both possible and practicable, and its urgency and great importance ought to be brought home to the heart and conscience of the Church. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers into His harvest.

But, while peace and prosperity reign within the walls of the Seminary, opposition from without continues, which would seriously impede its progress, were it not measurably defeated by the merciful care of our divine Lord and Master. This subject has engaged attention from time to time, and the Board avails itself of this opportunity to reassert its judgment, as contained in last year's report, that, in view of the slanderous charges against the teachings of the Seminary, it regards said teachings as Protestant, Evangelical and Reformed. The Board is further of the opinion, that the attention of the three Synods represented in this Board should be directed to the fact, that certain persons in their connection continue to misrepresent the teachings of the Seminary and of a large portion of the ministry in the Church.

The Rev. Frederick Augustus Gast was duly installed as Professor of the Hebrew Language and of Old Testament Theology, at the close of the Seminary year.

The new Board was organized at the last meeting of Synod by the election of Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, as President; Dr. S. R. Fisher, as Treasurer, and the undersigned as Secretary.

As a Board of Education we report, that there have been fifteen beneficiaries under our care during the year. Of these, four have finished their studies and are now in the ministry. The amount contributed for their support was \$1,711.44. Last year it was \$3,748.05. Disbursed, \$1,797.80. Balance, \$339.36 in the treasury.

For further information in regard to the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submits the following report:

The documents placed in the hands of the committee are the following: The Reports of the Board of Visitors, Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors we learn that the operations of the Seminary have been carried forward during the past year with an encouraging degree of success.

The number of students has been larger than at any previous time; a goodly number at the end of the term were dismissed in the usual way, all of whom are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

The Board express their entire satisfaction with the faithfulness of the Professors, and the diligent application of the students in their studies, as well as their upright Christian conduct as a body.

The Board reiterates its judgment of the teachings of the Seminary as Protestant, Evangelical and Reformed, over against slanderous charges that have gone forth in regard to them; it calls the attention of the three

Synods, under which the Seminary stands, to the fact that certain persons in their connection continue to misrepresent its teachings. The committee are glad to say that, so far as its knowledge extends, such is not the case within the bounds of this Synod.

The Board of Trustees held three regular meetings during the year, elected Mr. D. W. Gross, President; E. J. Zahm, Recording Secretary, and Mr. John B. Roth, Treasurer. The Endowment Fund received a legacy of \$412.93, from Miss Mary Morrison, of the Paradise Charge.

For reasons expressed in the report, the Board did not deem it expedient to go forward in the erection of Seminary buildings.

As appears from the Treasurer's report, the finances of the Seminary are in a healthy condition. Presuming that this report will be incorporated in the Minutes of Synod, the committee do not deem it necessary to refer specially to the statements of the five funds represented in the Seminary Board.

As no specific action seems to be called for in these reports, your committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod learns with great pleasure, and devout gratitude to the head of the Church, of the gracious favor of God towards our Seminary in its continued prosperity, and extends towards it our hearty confidence and practical support for time to come.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. H. APPLE, JAC' B. HILLEGASS, J. B. KNIEST, W. R. BARNHART,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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BOARD OF VISITORS.—Rev. J. M. Titzel, T. J. Barkley and H. F. Keener.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—T. J. Craig, Hon. W. J. Baer and W. E. Schmertz.

ARTICLE XVII.

DIVINE SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with Divine service.

The following Report of the Committee on Divine Service was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Divine Service would respectfully recommend the following appointments:

Friday Evening.—Altar service, Rev. F. Pilgram: sermon, Rev. J. M'Connell.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory service, German; altar service, Rev. J. Ruhl; sermon, Rev. J. B. Kniest.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory service, English; altar service, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins; sermon, Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Sunday Morning.—Communion—Altar service by the President of Synod; German address, Rev. J. Ruhl; English address, Rev. D. B. Ernst—each twenty minutes.

Sunday Evening.—Altar service, Rev. J. F. Snyder; sermon, Rev. J. H. Apple.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday school service; addresses, Rev. J. F. Wi-
ant and Elder T. J. Craig.

LUTHERAN CHURCH. *Sunday Morning.*—Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. D. W. Wolff.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. RUPP, J. A. HOFFHEINS, F. PILGRAM, SAMUEL FOUST,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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ARTICLE XVIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

CHARTER FOR A CONGREGATION.

The Committee on Form of Charter, appointed at the last annual session of Synod, presented their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Honorable the Court of ———:

The undersigned petitioners represent that they are members of ——— congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States; the said congregation being a part of the ——— Classis of said Church, and located at ———. As such they desire to be incorporated according to law, under the following articles of incorporation, substantially the same as recommended by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, as follows, viz.:

SECTION 1. That A, B, C, D and E, and others, and their successors, members of the said Reformed Church in ———, be and are hereby erected into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name of the ——— Congregation of the Reformed Church at ———; whose object shall be to provide its members with the means of grace, the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments, in accordance with the Word of God, and the confession of faith or the doctrinal standard known as the Heidelberg Catechism; and to be subject to the constitution, laws and customs of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 2. The property, personal, real and mixed, of said corporation, shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, elected by the qualified voters of said congregation; at such times and in such ways as may be specified in the by-laws of the said corporation; and the members of the Consistory shall be *ex-officio* members of the said Board of Trustees. *Provided*, that if for any cause the election for such officers shall not occur at the regular time appointed, said corporation shall not be dissolved, and the said Trustees shall hold over their office until such times when an election shall be held agreeably with the by-laws of said corporation.

SEC. 3. Said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall have perpetual succession, and shall have power to exercise all the rights and functions belonging to a body politic; and shall be able and capable, in law and in equity, to take, purchase, hold and receive to them and their successors, for the use of said Reformed Church and congregation, lands, tenements, goods and chattels, of whatsoever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which now is, or may or shall hereafter become the property of said corporation, or be held for their use, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, bequest or otherwise, from any person whatsoever capable of making the same; and the same to sell, improve or dispose of for the use or benefit of the said congregation, or the Reformed Church, as may be directed by two-thirds of the qualified voters of said congregation present at any meeting convened for such purpose, upon due notice being given. *Provided*, that they do not divest any of said property from its intended use, as originally held, devised, granted or given. And no alienation of the corporate property to a purpose which is not in strict accordance with the object for which the property was held or donated to the congregation, shall be valid—except it have the express sanction of the Classis or Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in whose bounds it is located.

SEC. 4. The clear net yearly income from real estate shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. The spiritual interests of the congregation shall be attended to by the Consistory, according to the laws and Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. All other matters not otherwise provided for shall be in the hands of the Trustees, acting as the Consistory, according to the customs and laws of the Synod above named.

SEC. 6. The persons now in office as members of the Consistory, are hereby constituted the Trustees of said corporation, until others shall be elected to fill their places under this charter.

SEC. 7. This corporation shall have power from time to time, to adopt, alter and amend such by-laws as to it may seem fit. *Provided*, that they do not conflict with the aforesaid articles, or the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, or the Constitution of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 8. If at any time, for any cause, this congregation shall fall away from the doctrines, customs and laws of the Reformed Church in the United States, or sever its relation therefrom by ceasing to hold normal relations with the ecclesiastical authorities of the same, the Classis or Synod in whose bounds it is located, shall have and take immediate possession and full control of all the property and effects of this corporation for the use of the Reformed Church in the United States. *Provided*, further, that in case any moneys have been contributed as missionary aid, or for a building fund for the use of this congregation, judgment in the sum of \$2,000 (or amount sufficient to cover the same in full) is hereby confessed and acknowledged as a lien against the property of this corporation, and recoverable by the Treasurer of said Synod under its action.

SEC. 9. No misnomer shall defeat the intent of any gift, donation, bequest or legacy, to or for this corporation. Nor shall any vacancy occur—

ring in the Board of Trustees vitiate the provisions of this charter, or work its forfeiture.

[To be signed by petitioners, who should be at least all the members of the Consistory.]

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
Chairman.

DISMISSION OF WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

The following preambles and resolutions were offered and adopted under *Item 7* of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes :

WHEREAS, West New York Classis requests Synod to be dismissed to the *German* Reformed Synod of the Northwest, and as we have been informed by its representative, took this action mainly because it was assured of missionary aid, so indispensable to the success of its mission at Buffalo, N. Y., otherwise it would have requested this Synod to be dismissed to a new German Synod to be organized out of the German Philadelphia, German Maryland, New York and the West New York Classes, and,

WHEREAS, It has developed since, that there will be no difficulty in providing the missionary support, so these matters can be arranged satisfactorily in the course of time ; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of West New York Classis, Rev. D. Willers, D. D., be requested by the Corresponding Secretary, to call a special meeting of said Classis, as soon as possible, to consider such action. And furthermore :

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be convened at Bethlehem, Pa., and the Synod of the Potomac, at Hanover, Pa., on and after October 22d, 1874, will be requested by some of the above-mentioned Classes to make provision for the organization of this German Synod of the East, and it is indispensable that the Classis of West New York should unite in the organization, therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully request these Synods to take such conditional action in this matter, that if the proper conditions are at hand, the organization may be consummated as soon as possible; and that the Corresponding Secretary at once inform said Synods of this action ; and,

WHEREAS, West New York Classis might, according to the provisions of the Constitution, still desire not to connect with the East, but rather with the West : in such case,

Resolved, That if West New York Classis should arrive at such conclusion at its next special meeting, the officers of this Synod are requested to grant papers of dismissal to the *German* Reformed Synod of the Northwest.

ARTICLE XIX.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully report :

That no persons came before them.

D. B. ERNST,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following is the communication presented by a committee of Somerset Classis and reported as *Item 4* by the Committee on Overtures:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN : The undersigned, being a committee appointed by Somerset Classis, would respectfully call your attention to a note against this Synod, in favor of Catherine Bartholomew, of Cumberland, Md., for \$1,000, and pray you to make provision for the speedy payment of the same. This note was given by Rev. G. H. Johnston, in his capacity of Missionary Superintendent of Pittsburgh Synod, and is endorsed by Rev. J. Ruhl, in behalf of Somerset Classis. The money was applied to the payment of the property purchased for the use of our Mission Congregation in the city of Cumberland. The aforesaid note is now in the hands of an attorney for collection, which attorney has notified the undersigned, J. Ruhl, that he will bring suit on it, in case it is not speedily paid. Somerset Classis is utterly unable to make provision for the redemption of this note, and, therefore, prays this Synod to take such measures as in its wisdom may seem necessary to save the credit of the Church and secure the success of our mission in Cumberland.

Yours in the Lord.

J. RUHL, } *Committee.*
WM. RUPP. }

The committee to whom this paper was referred, reported as follows, which was received and adopted :

From facts in the case laid before the committee it appears :

That this claim for the payment of the sum of \$1,000 grows out of the transactions connected with the purchase of the Church property for the Cumberland Mission.

Of the original purchase money, \$2,000 were promised by the Old Westmoreland Classis, on the condition that the congregation assume the payment of \$3,500. The Classis paid its part in full, and the congregation met \$1,000 on its part.

When, however, another \$1,000 payment from the congregation fell due, they were unable to meet the claim, and the Superintendent of Missions and the Chairman of the Committee of Somerset Classis came to the relief, temporarily, of the Cumberland people, by giving a note drawn by Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, and endorsed by Rev. J. Ruhl, on which to raise the money. This, it appears, was not intended to lift that part of the debt from the Cumberland congregation's part of the original contract. They were merely permitted to provide for their own further relief in replacing this \$1,000, by allowing the Cumberland pastor to go through the charges for the purpose of collecting what he could from the people. This was not done, and this part of the debt remains.

From this it is clear that the Synod never assumed the payment of this additional \$1,000, nor ever authorized its Superintendent to lend its

credit. Giving the note in his official character was not a part of his duty, to which he was called by his office, while acting in the name of the Synod. It was an extra official act, outside of his usual service to the Church, so that by the law of custom it would not bind the Synod by that fact alone, as if it were a transaction common in the discharge of his duty as Synod's officer. And by no act, or even by tacit consent, has the Synod become liable for the note given by the Superintendent, though he had intended (as he certainly did not,) to transfer the liability for this \$1,000 from the Cumberland people's side of the contract to the side of the Synod.

Nor does it appear either that the Somerset Classis assumed this additional payment in behalf of the purchase of said property. By their invitation to the Cumberland pastor to canvass their pastoral charges and collect funds for that mission's church debt, they only proposed a kindly way for helping to pay that part of the purchase money.

We conclude, therefore, that this unpaid claim of \$1,000 is still most properly due by the Cumberland congregation itself. It was only in kindness that they received temporary relief by the giving of this note. This, together with what they will owe besides, leaves a debt of about \$2,000 upon their valuable property. If now they cannot meet this claim, which is pressed for collection at a time when they are reducing the other part of their debt, we think they should secure a mortgage loan on the church property till such time as it can be paid. It would not unduly encumber the property; therefore,

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Missions and Rev. J. Ruhl be appointed to counsel as to this matter with the Zion's congregation at Cumberland, Md., and help them to arrange this financial item in accordance with the facts and recommendation above given.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. RUSSELL,	} Committee.
J. W. LOVE,	
SAMUEL FOUST,	

A request having been made by Rev. Whetstone, of Somerset, Pa., that Synod grant a supply for his pulpit from the number of its members, in answer the following action was had :

WHEREAS, It would be impossible for a minister of this Synod to supply the pulpit of Rev. Whetstone, of Somerset, without being absent from one of the sessions of Synod and the *Synodical Communion*; therefore,

Resolved, That we cannot comply with the request of Rev. Whetstone to supply his pulpit on Sunday next.

Rev. L. D. Steckel asked permission to be absent on Sunday to fill appointments within the bounds of his charge. Under the peculiar circumstances, as stated by Rev. Steckel, the rule with regard to the presence of members of Synod at the *Synodical Communion*, was suspended, and the request granted.

It is made a rule of Synod that the reports of all Boards of Synod shall be read before being referred to the several committees.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations offered their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and the committee instructed to "post up" a copy of their report for the use of the members of Synod.

At the time appointed of Synod, the election of members to the several Boards was entered into. The tellers, appointed by the President, received the ballots and reported the result to Synod.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to incorporate in the published Minutes of Synod, the names of the members of all the Boards, and length of time for which each member is elected.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify the members of the different Boards of their election.

The Agent of the Eastern Board of Publication, Elder J. David Miller, laid before Synod, for examination, specimen pages of the new Hymn Book, published by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. No action was had.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Five years, H. L. Baer; *four years*, J. Troxal; *three years*, G. B. Russell; *two years*, J. I. Swander; *one year*, J. H. Apple.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

G. B. Russell, D. D., C. M. Bousch, Esq., and W. Rupp.

ARTICLE XXI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and hereby are tendered to the members of Berlin Reformed Congregation, and other citizens of Berlin, for the hospitable entertainment afforded the members of this body during our sojourn among them, and that this resolution be read by the pastor of this congregation at the next regular Lord's-day service.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby returns thanks to the P., W. & B., the A. V. and the B. V. R. Roads, for the favors extended to the members of this Synod in traveling over their lines to and from Berlin, Pa., and that the Corresponding Secretary so inform them.

The roll was called, and no member present during any of the sessions of Synod found absent without excuse.

The members, both ministers and delegated elders, not present during any of the sessions, were referred to their Classes, except Rev. J. J. Pennypacker, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. R. Dieffenbacher, E. H. Dieffenbacher, D. Willers, H. Bentz, C. Kuss, A. Dale, J. Voeglin, J. B. Thompson, N. P. Hacke and H. E. F. Voigt, who were excused for reasons stated before Synod.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod resolved to meet in Convention at its next annual session—to be composed of all the ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge within its bounds.

THE REFORMED CHURCH, Kittanning, Pa., was chosen as the place, and THURSDAY after the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, (October 14th,) A. D. 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., as the time for the next annual meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned with divine service, to meet at the place and time appointed.

T. J. BARKLEY, *President.*

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Stated Clerk.*

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	P. O. Address.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.,	41st Greensburg....	41st Greensburg....	600	650	140	89	8	540	...	950	5	210	\$ 675 00	\$ 650 00	\$1,200 00	1	Greensburg, Westm'd Co. Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt.....	Superannuated	Superannuated .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mt. Pleasant, "
J. F. Snyder.....	2 Emmanuel	2 Emmanuel	241	221	20	36	12	232	...	5	2	170	200 00	450 00	700 00	1	Manor Dale, "
J. I. Swander.....	4 Latrobe	4 Latrobe	275	285	24	24	6	268	...	11	8	180	192 00	8,100 00	800 00	...	Latrobe, "
J. W. Love.....	22d. Greensburg...	22d. Greensburg...	229	208	28	88	25	211	...	2	8	160	171 00	200 00	1,000 00	...	Greensburg, "
D. B. Lady.....	4 Mt. Pleasant....	4 Mt. Pleasant....	250	255	48	88	16	285	...	10	2	75	847 00	1,796 00	900 00	...	Mt. Pleasant, "
J. M. Titzel.....	1 Irwin.....	1 Irwin.....	146	182	10	12	13	122	...	7	2	80	150 00	600 00	950 00	1	Irwin, "
S. Shaw.....	2 Salem.....	2 Salem.....	224	191	9	4	...	192	6	3	1	125	74 00	170 00	750 00	1	Delmont, "
L. B. Leasure.....	1 Scott Dale.....	1 Scott Dale.....	80	29	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	10 00	...	500 00	1	Irwin, "
J. McConnell.....	2 St. James.....	2 St. James.....	178	189	6	...	...	150	...	4	1	100	60 00	...	750 00	...	Salina, "
L. Cort.....	Principal of Greensburg	Principal of Greensburg	...	...	...	...	...	Seminary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Greensburg, "
Total, 11.....	22	9	2,168	2,155	275	186	80	1,980	646	74	17	1,100	\$1,879 00	\$6,966 00	\$7,550 00	5	

CLARION CLASSIS.

F. Wise.....	2 Plum Creek.	2 Plum Creek.	105	160	16	...	1	100	...	3	8	75	12 50	275 00	506 30	...	S. Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
W. C. Houpt.....	8 Tylersburg.....	8 Tylersburg.....	100	87	9	2	3	85	...	4	...	40	20 00	300 00	100 00	...	Lineville, Clarion "
D. O. Shoemaker...	2 Beaver.....	2 Beaver.....	250	200	4	33	5	225	...	2	...	100	269 00	500 00	...	...	Lamartine, "
J. F. Wiant.....	2 South Bend.....	2 South Bend.....	198	188	14	11	6	187	...	9	3	170	258 00	800 00	60 00	...	Elderton, Armstrong "
H. Hoffman.....	5 Red Bank.....	5 Red Bank.....	204	150	12	9	2	150	...	2	6	120	218 28	875 00	...	...	Shannondale, Clarion "
C. F. Hoffmeir.....	4 Luthersburg.....	4 Luthersburg.....	275	200	58	81	...	187	...	...	9	...	62 65	600 00	...	...	Troutville, "
D. S. Dieffenbacher	2 Kittanning.....	2 Kittanning.....	185	168	25	80	46	177	...	...	7	185	142 77	458 00	680 00	...	Kittanning, "
D. W. Wolf.....	2 St. Petersburg...	2 St. Petersburg...	250	201	18	16	2	175	...	5	2	100	825 00	1,000 00	...	...	St. Petersburg, "
Vacant.....	1 Zion's Valley....	1 Zion's Valley....	54	88	1	1	2	51	...	1	...	50	45 50	300 00	...	...	S. Bend, Armstrong "
J. Dotterer.....	3 Curllsville	3 Curllsville	220	210	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Curlsville, Clarion "
J. Grant.....	3 St. John's.....	3 St. John's.....	176	140	...	...	...	148	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bradensville, "
Vacant.....	2 Rimersburg	2 Rimersburg	76	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rimersburg, Pa.
J. J. Pennypacker..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	South Bend, Pa.
H. W. Hoffmeir....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Clear Water, Minn.
L. Christ.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, 13.....	31	12	2,082	2,681	191	138	67	1,685	...	21	88	16	\$1,353 20	\$4,908 00	\$1,346 80	...	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastors' Salary.	Students for Ministry
Westmoreland.....	11	22	2,168	2,155	275	186	80	1,980	6	46	74	17	1,100	\$ 1,879 00	\$ 6,966 00	\$ 7,550 00	5
Clarion.....	13	31	2,082	2,631	191	133	67	1,685	...	21	33	16	790	1,358 20	4,908 00	1,846 30	...
St. Paul's.....	12	19	1,800	1,497	169	121	30	1,315	...	38	54	12	1,011	1,017 19	500 00	5,185 00	...
Somerset.....	8	30	2,155	1,521	178	147	25	1,879	...	36	48	17	884	1,693 63	7,707 00	5,800 00	1
West New York.....	7	11	986	1,228	125	89	5	919	...	32	56	6	462	1,423 12	...	1,500 00	...
Allegheny.....	16	20	1,633	1,139	159	124	186	1,443	1	24	48	11	793	7,519 38	5,557 35	5,731 00	4
Total, Classes 6.....	67	133	10,824	10,171	1,097	800	393	9,221	7	197	813	79	5,040	\$14,385 52	\$ 25,688 85	\$27,061 30	10
Synod of Ref. Ch., Classes 10, 192	440	440	67,154	37,380	6,940	8,980	1,367	52,931	24	739	2,509	461	31,154	48,230 97	198,121 05	...	45
" " Ohio, Classes 10.....	144	338	23,083	12,778	2,118	1,434	667	18,794	195	306	526	227	16,188	12,767 02	...	...	8
" " Northw't, Classes 8, 109	179	179	12,717	10,877	1,463	786	1,001	10,681	52	176	420	133	6,810	8,488 95	...	...	2
" " Potomac, Classes 7, 107	250	250	26,494	16,856	1,854	1,352	409	23,509	2	232	676	220	12,937	11,603 91	...	...	31
Total Synods 5, Classes, 416191,840	140,272	88,162	18,472	8,352	8,837	115,136	280	1,650	4,444	1,120	72,129	\$90,974 37	\$223,759 40	\$27,061 30	96		

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	P. O. ADDRESS.
D. Willers, D. D.,	2	Fayette.....	112	85	30	10	.....	85	.....	9	2	52	\$ 14 12	.....	.....	.....	Fayette, N. Y.
J. B. Kniest.....	1	Zion's.....	545	716	74	45	.....	500	82	87	1	220	1,275 00	.....	\$ 900 00	.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
H. Bentz.....	2	Clarence.....	184	250	10	24	.....	184	.....	4	1	90	100 00	.....	800 00	.....	Clarence, N. Y.
H. C. Heyser.....	1	Ebenezer.....	100	187	9	10	5	100	.....	5	1	70	84 00	.....	300 00	.....	Ebenezer, N. Y.
J. Knie.....	2	Preston.....	45	40	1	.....	.....	20	.....	1	1	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	Danville, N. Y.
E. Erb.....	2	Dansville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
U. Kuss.....	1	Buffalo.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Total, 7.....	11	7,	986	1,228	125	89	5	919	82	56	6	462	\$1,423 12	.....	\$1,500 00	.....

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

A. Dale.....	8	Fairview.....	400	875	3	14	3	875	...	6	5	3	140	575 00	\$ 400 00	.....	1	Baldwin, Pa.
F. K. Levan.....	...	Missionary Superintend.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 00	.....	...	Wilkinsburg, Pa.	
T. J. Barkley.....	1	Grace Church.....	184	85	5	4	5	124	...	...	8	1	70	6,388 00	100 00	1,800 00	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.
T. F. Stouffer.....	1	Trinity.....	77	70	16	9	14	60	...	...	3	1	88	55 00	550 00	700 00	1	Wilkinsburg, Pa.
J. Voeglin.....	...	Serving Independent Congregation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	Dunkirk, N. Y.
G. B. Masalsky.....	...	" "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	Walrose, Pa.
J. A. Hoffheins.....	1	1st Ref'm'd, Ally	64	59	5	...	3	54	...	4	8	1	60	85 58	857 35	1,000 00	...	Allegheny City, Pa.
F. A. Edmonds.....	2	Harmony.....	210	116	32	40	...	190	...	1	18	1	220	240 00	.....	700 00	1	Harmony, Pa.
J. B. Thompson.....	...	Sup't Orphan Home.	...	...	4	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58 80	.....	.....	...	Butler, Pa.
J. W. Ebbinghaus..	1	St. Paul's, P'gh...	65	46	6	15	6	65	...	11	1	1	60	50 00	.....	.....	...	Bennett, Pa.
G. W. Mueller, Ph. D.	1	St. James, " "	140	68	89	11	45	180	1	...	17	1	72	...	850 00	950 00	...	Pittsburgh, Pa.
G. B. Russell, D. D.	1	Zion's, " "	81	10	10	8	6	...	...	2	2	1	63	85 00	8,800 00	581 00	...	Pittsburgh, Pa.
I. C. Mueller.....	...	Serving Independent Congregation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	Wheeling, West Va.
S. Thomas.....	1	St. Paul's.....	44	45	5	4	6	38	...	...	1	1	25	12 00	.....	.....	...	Triadelphia, West Va.
A. Kern.....	1	Helvetia.....	40	80	...	6	...	87	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	Helvetia, West Va.
Vacant.....	1	St. Luke's.....	28	50	8	...	28	28	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...
	1	Sandy Creek.....	70	40	...	...	70	60	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...
O. A. Limberg.....	1	Brady's Bend.....	105	40	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	Butler, Pa.
Vacant.....	4	Butler.....	225	110	...	...	...	180	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Total, 16.....	20	14,	1,688	1,189	159	124	180	1,443	124	48	11	708	\$7,519 38	\$5,557 35	\$5,781 00	4		

STATISTICAL SUMMARY. **PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.**

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastors' Salary.	Students for Ministry
Westmoreland.....	11	22	2,168	2,156	275	186	80	1,980	6	46	74	17	1,100	\$ 1,879 00	\$ 6,966 00	\$ 7,550 00	5
Clarion.....	13	31	2,082	2,681	191	183	67	1,685	...	21	33	16	790	1,858 20	4,908 00	1,346 80	...
St. Paul's.....	12	19	1,800	1,497	169	121	80	1,315	...	38	54	12	1,011	1,017 19	500 00	5,135 00	...
Somerset.....	8	30	2,155	1,521	178	147	25	1,879	...	36	48	17	884	1,693 63	7,707 00	5,800 00	1
West New York.....	7	11	986	1,228	125	89	5	919	...	32	56	6	462	1,423 12	...	1,500 00	...
Allegheny.....	16	20	1,633	1,139	159	124	186	1,443	1	24	48	11	798	7,619 38	5,557 35	5,781 00	4
Total, Classes 6.....	67	133	10,824	10,171	1,097	800	393	9,221	7	197	313	79	5,040	\$14,385 52	\$ 25,638 35	\$27,061 30	10
Synod of Ref. Ch., Classes 10, 192	440	440	67,154	37,380	6,940	8,980	1,367	52,931	24	739	2,509	461	31,154	48,230 97	198,121 05	...	45
" " Ohio, Classes 10.....	144	338	23,083	12,778	2,118	1,434	667	18,794	195	306	526	227	16,188	12,767 02	...	...	8
" " Northw't, Classes 8, 109	179	179	12,717	10,877	1,463	786	1,001	10,681	52	176	420	133	6,810	8,488 95	2
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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES assembled in Convention in the Reformed Church, Kittanning, Pa., on Thursday, October 14th, A. D., 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until Monday evening following. The sessions of Synod were opened with religious services, in connection with which the President, Rev. T. J. BARKLEY, preached a sermon from Psalm cxxxii. 13, 14: "*For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is my rest forever; here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. I. Swander, J. W. Love, D. B. Lady, J. M. Titzel, L. B. Leasure, J. McConnell.

Elders.—Elias Cashdollar, Geo. Fritz, John Truxel, Wm. Bowling, Peter Hill, W. G. King, and Simon Brinker.

CLARION CLASSIS.—Revs. F. Wise, J. F. Wiant, H. Hoffman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, D. W. Wolff, J. Dotterer, J. Grant, J. J. Penne-
packer.

Elders.—Nicholas Reefer, Jas. Fulmer, W. A. Warnick, Peter Schreckengost, Reuben Sterner, D. Humphrey, Joseph Hill, John Crick.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.—Revs. D. D. Leberman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, F. Pilgram, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Elder.—Levi Moyer.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.—Revs. H. F. Keener, A. E. Truzal, and C. U. Heilman.

Elders.—John Thompson, John M. Glessner, David Hay.*

* Excused from further attendance on Saturday Morning.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer, J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Thompson,¹ J. W. Ebbinghaus,¹ G. B. Russell, D. D., C. A. Limberg, Jos. H. Hannabery,¹ and Joel W. Alspach.

Elders.—Jacob Hershey, Geo. H. Pfaff,² T. J. Craig, C. Siebert,² Geo. Shakley.

ADVISORY MEMBER.—Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger.

VISITORS—Revs. Sweighart, Richard and Cribbs of the Lutheran, and Rev. T. D. Ewing of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. C. R. DIEFFENBACHER was elected *President*.

REV. H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk*.

REV. D. D. LEBERMAN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

ELDER, T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Committee appointed the previous year, to revise the Rules of Order, reported, and their report was adopted, reading as follows:

1. The business of every session shall be opened with Singing and Prayer, or an invocation; and every Session shall be closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which Synod stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and having opened the meeting in due form, shall ascertain whether a quorum is present.

3. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the President be absent, the Synod shall appoint a President *pro tempore*.

4. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, so that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

5. After the opening service the Synod shall proceed to business, which, including the constitution of the Synod, shall be taken up in such order as shall conform most nearly to the following **LEMMATA**:

1. Opening of Synod.
2. Enrollment of Members.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Rules of Order.
5. Appointment of Regular Committees:
 - (¹) On Religious Services;
 - (²) Synodical Minutes, (District and General);
 - (³) Minutes of Classes;
 - (⁴) Overtures;
 - (⁵) Examination, Licensure and Ordination;

¹ Took his seat on Saturday.

² Excused from further attendance on Saturday.

- (⁶) The State of the Church ;
 - (⁷) Missions—Home and Foreign ;
 - (⁸) Theological Seminary ;
 - (⁹) Institutions of Learning—(*a*) College, (*b*) Collegiate Institutes, (*c*) Parochial Schools, (*d*) Sunday-schools, (*e*) Orphan Home ;
 - (¹⁰) Education ;
 - (¹¹) Publication ;
 - (¹²) Finance ;
 - (¹³) Nominations.
6. Documents and Communications received and referred to Committees.
 7. Incidental Matters.
 8. Reports of Regular Committees.
 9. Reports of Special Committees.
 10. Election of Boards and Delegates.
 11. Miscellaneous.
 12. Resumption and Close.
 13. Adjournment.

6. The Synod, immediately after it has completed its organization, shall define the limits which shall constitute the bar of the house, and no member shall be allowed to take part in the discussion, or to vote on any question, who is not, at the time, within these limits.

7. It shall be the duty of the President, at all times, to preserve order and guard against the violation of the Constitution, or established Rules of Order ; to keep notes of such items of business as have been deferred or assigned to particular days, or times, and to call them up at the time appointed ; to appoint all Committees except in those cases in which the Synod shall decide otherwise ; and to conduct all business before the Synod to a speedy and proper conclusion,

8. The President may speak with regard to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Synod, which may be taken by any member with a second. In this case, the member appealing may briefly state the grounds of his appeal, and the President may briefly reply ; whereupon the question shall be put in the following form : Shall the decision of the chair be sustained ? and this motion shall be decided by a majority of votes.

9. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk as soon as possible, after the opening of Synod, to form a complete roll of the members present, and to put the same into the hands of the President ; to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Synod ; to read all papers handed him by the President for that purpose ; and to file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper indorsements, and to keep them in perfect order.

10. Business left unfinished at a preceding session shall be ordinarily first taken up at the succeeding one.

11. Business referred to the regular committees shall have the precedence, excepting subjects which may have been assigned to some particular hour.

12. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, corrected if necessary, and approved; and before the final adjournment, the remaining proceedings shall be read, corrected and approved. After the minutes have been read, (or corrected), the President will say: Shall the minutes (as corrected) be approved? If no objection be made, he will declare the minutes approved.

13. When the President takes the chair, the members shall at once come to order; and during the transaction of business, they shall not indulge in private conversation,—nor shall one member address himself to another, or to any one present, in a debate, except through the President.

14. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the President, and shall treat his fellow-members,—and especially the President, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject in debate, and carefully avoiding all personalities.

15. When any member, in the course of debate, shall speak out of order, or deviate from the subject under consideration, or at any time act disorderly, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call him to order.

16. No speaker shall be interrupted except by his own permission, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

17. No member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without permission of the Synod.

18. When more than one member shall rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most distant from the President shall speak first.

19. No motion shall be considered as before the Synod unless it is seconded, and, when required by the President, or any member, reduced to writing; and debate shall not proceed thereon until the President has distinctly stated the question to the house.

20. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have the liberty to withdraw it with the consent of his second, before debate has taken place thereon, and before it has been amended; but not afterward without leave of the Synod.

21. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be entertained except a motion: 1, to adjourn; 2, to lie on the table; 3, to take the previous question; 4, to postpone indefinitely; 5, to postpone to a definite time; 6, to refer or commit; 7, to amend. These several motions shall have precedence in the order named; and the first three thereof shall be decided without debate, and cannot be amended.

22. Questions of Privilege and Incidental motions shall be in order when they arise; and shall include the following: 1, motions and questions relating to the rights and privileges of the Synod, or of its members individually; 2, motions for the order of the day; 3, questions of order; 4, motions for the reception or reading of papers; 5, leave to withdraw motions; 6, suspension of a rule of order; 7,

amendment of an amendment. All of these, except the last one, shall be decided without debate.

23. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any member may call for a division, and may have the question taken on each part separately.

24. The previous question on any motion, after a reasonable time has been allowed to discuss it, may be called. The call, to be entertained, must be made by at least *twelve* members rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? and until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendment, or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion when sustained, shall be to bring the Synod to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending in their proper *order*, and on the main question itself.

25. A question shall not be called up again, or reconsidered at the same session of the Synod in which it has been decided, unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by persons who voted with the majority.

26. Members ought not, without weighty reasons, decline voting, as the practice might leave the decision of very important questions to a small portion of the Synod. Silent members, unless excused from voting, shall be considered as acquiescing in the vote of the majority.

27. When different motions are made with respect to the filling of Blanks with particular numbers and times, the question shall always be taken first on the highest sum or number, and on the longest time.

28. When the President has begun to take the vote, no further debate shall be admitted, unless it appears that a mistake has occurred, in which case the mistake shall be corrected, and the President shall again commence taking the vote.

29. When a vote is taken by ballot, the President shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Synod shall be equally divided, when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

30. No member shall be permitted to enter a *protest* against any decision of the Synod. If a member feel himself aggrieved by any such decision, the *yeas* and *nays* in the case shall be recorded, if he require it.

31. The person first named on any Committee (unless the Committee shall elect its own chairman), shall be considered the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the Committee, and in case of his absence, or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties. When a Committee is divided in opinion, and a majority and minority report are made, both may be read and received at the discretion of the Synod.

32. All elections of Officers, Delegates, Members of Boards, etc., shall be by ballot. If on the first ballot, no one of the candidates for the same office, has a majority of all the votes given, the two who have received the highest number of votes, shall again be proposed

and the election repeated. If there still be no choice the voting shall be repeated until one of them shall have a majority.

33. The Synod may sit in private on business, which, in its judgment, ought not to be made a matter of public discussion.

34. The Synod can at any time, by a vote of the majority, resolve itself into a *Committee of the whole*, for the consideration of a particular subject, in which case the President shall call some other member to the chair. In this case members can speak oftener than twice; the previous question cannot be moved,—nor the *yeas* and *nays* called, and on points of order, the decision of the Chairman shall be final.

35. No member shall absent himself from any session of the Synod, nor withdraw during the sessions without permission of the President; and if a member leave before the final adjournment, or return home without the consent of the Synod, he shall incur censure, unless excused by the Synod.

36. At the final adjournment of the Synod, after appropriate religious service, the President shall pronounce the Apostolic Benediction.

The *Bar of the House* was defined by the President as extending to the tenth pew from the front of the chancel.

The following *Session Hours* were adopted: from 9 to 11½ o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 4½ o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Religious Services.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. A. Hoffheins, D. B. Lady, and Elders J. M. Glessner and Jacob Hershey.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. E. H. Dieffenbacher, Jas. Grant, J. W. Alspach, and Elders Elias Cashdollar and George Fritz.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, H. F. Keener, D. D. Leberman, and Elders Peter Hill and W. G. King.

Overtures.—Revs. D. D. Leberman, J. J. Pennypacker, F. Wise, and Elders Jno. Truxal and Wm. Bowling.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. L. B. Leasure, F. Wise, J. McConnell, and Elders Nicholas Reefer and Jas. Fulmer.

State of the Church.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D. B. Lady, F. Pilgram, and Elders W. A. Warnick and P. Schreckengost.

Missions, Home and Foreign.—Revs. J. W. Love, J. F. Wiant, J. Dotterer, and Elders Reuben Sterner and David Humphrey.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. C. U. Heilman, J. Dotterer, J. W. Love, and Elders Levi Moyer and Geo. H. Pfaff.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, C. U. Heilman, F. Wise, and Elders Jno. Crick and Levi Moyer.

Education.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, G. B. Russell, D. D., D. W. Wolff, and Elders Geo. Pfaff and Simon Brinker.

Publication.—Revs. D. W. Wolff, J. F. Snyder, J. W. Alspach, and Elders Jno. Truxal and W. G. King.

Finance.—Revs. J. M. Titzel, H. F. Keener, G. B. Russell, D. D., and Elders T. J. Craig and Jos. Hill.

Nominations.—Revs. Jno. I. Swander, H. Hoffman, T. J. Barkley, and Elders Jno. Thompson and David Hay.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset, and Alleghney Classes, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes. The Reports on the State of the Church and Statistics contained in the same, were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2. The Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions, and a communication from the Board itself, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

3. The Reports of the Superintendent and Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home were received and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

4. The Annual Reports of the Trustees and Board of Visitors, and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions and a letter from Prof. Cort were received and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

6. The Annual Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

7. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication. A communication from the Eastern Board of Publication was received, and after having been considered in Committee of the whole, was referred to the Committee on Publication with instructions to report a certain action.

8. A communication from Rev. F. K. Levan, containing his resignation as a member of the Board of Publication, was received, and his resignation was accepted.

9. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services.

The following Report of the Committee on the subject was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services, would respectfully report the following appointments:

Friday Evening.—Altar Service, Rev. D. D. Leberman; Sermon, Rev. D. W. Wolff.

Brady's Bend, Sunday Morning.—Rev. C. A. Limberg.

Saturday at 2 P. M.—Preparatory Services. Altar Services, Rev. J. F. Wiant; Sermon, Rev. A. E. Truxal.

Saturday Evening.—Altar Service, Rev. T. F. Stauffer; Sermon, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.

Sunday Morning.—Altar Service, Rev. O. R. Dieffenbacher : Sermon, Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Sunday, 2 P. M.—Sunday School addresses,—Rev. J. McConnell and Elder T. J. Craig.

Sunday Evening.—Altar Service, Rev. J. F. Snyder : Sermon, Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Eng. Lutheran Church, Sunday Morning.—Rev. C. U. Heilman.

“ “ “ “ *Evening.*—Rev. J. Hannabery.

German “ “ “ Morning.—Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus.

Presbyterian Church, “ “ Morning.—Rev. J. I. Swander.

“ “ “ *Evening.*—Rev. D. B. Lady.

United Presbyterian Church, Morning.—Rev. H. F. Keener.

M. E. Church, Sunday Morning.—Rev. J. W. Love.

“ “ “ *Evening.*—Rev. F. Pilgram.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,

J. A. HOFFHEINS,

D. B. LADY,

J. HERSHEY,

J. M. GLESSNER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod offers the following report :

Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 1, p. 18. Synod directs the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions to report in detail, the amounts paid to Missionaries.

Item 2, p. 18. Synod's request of the Missionary Superintendent.

Item 3, p. 22. Publishing of quarterly reports by the Treasurer of Synod and the Treasurers of Classes.

Item 4, p. 26. Publication and distribution of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 5, p. 41. The officers of Synod were directed to grant papers of dismissal to the West New York Classis, upon certain conditions.

Item 6, p. 43. Instructions given to the Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. J. Ruhl, regarding Cumberland Mission.

General Synod.

Item 1, p. 47. Sunday School interests are referred to the District Synods.

Item 2, p. 53. The equalizing of the expenses of delegates to the Synod.

Item 3, p. 65. The unpaid Assessment.

Item 4, p. 66. New Assessment.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. DIEFFENBACHER,
J. W. ALSPACH,
JAMES GRANT,
GEORGE FRITZ,
ELIAS CASHDOLLAR.

This report was considered item by item, with the following result :
Item 1, adopted the request reiterated, and the Cor. Sect. ordered to inform the parties.

Item 2. Adopted the request reiterated, and the Cor. Sect. ordered to inform the Superintendent. *Item 4,* attended to. *Items 3, 5 and 6,* adopted. *General Synod.* *Item 1,* referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning. *Item 2,* adopted. *Item 3,* attended to. *Item 4,* referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as follows :

The Committee on Minutes of Classes would report the following items as claiming the attention of Synod :

Requests.

Item 1. Somerset Classis requests Synod to grant Pastor Schwedes of Cumberland Mission, permission to canvass its bounds to collect money to pay the balance on note given by Revs. Ruhl and Johnston.

Item 2. Somerset Classis requests to be relieved of \$300 of the last Synodical apportionment.

Item 3. Clarion Classis requests Synod to be more careful in the future, in its Statistical Tables.

Item 4. Clarion Classis requests Synod to change the number of representatives from this Synod on the Tri-Synodical Mission Board, from four to five, so that all the Classes may have a representation.

Item 5. Allegheny Classis asks Synod to ratify and confirm the division of their Classis on the basis of language, thereby granting the German brethren permission to organize a new Classis.

Subjects Referred.

Item 6. Somerset Classis adopts all Synodical requests, except the one relating to acquiescence in Synod's plan of Beneficiary Education, which is only partially complied with.

Item 7. Clarion Classis adopts all Synodical requests, with the understanding that the \$200 to Rimersburg Mission, are included in the \$800 apportioned on said Classis.

Item 8. Westmoreland, St. Paul, and Allegheny Classes acquiesced in all Synodical requests.

Ministers Received and Dismissed.

Item 9. Somerset Classis received Rev. F. R. Schwedes, from St. Joseph Classis, and Rev. C. U. Heilman, from Lancaster Classis, Synod of the United States, and dismissed Rev. J. W. Alspach, to the Allegheny Classis.

Item 10. Clarion Classis dismissed Rev. D. O. Shoemaker to East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 11. St. Paul Classis dismissed Rev. I. E. Graeff, to East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. J. B. Poerner, to the English Iowa Classis; Rev. F. Wall, to the St. Joseph Classis; Rev. D. B. Ernst, to East Pennsylvania Classis,—and examined and licensed the Theological Student, J. W. Pontious, and dismissed him to West Susquehanna Classis.

Item 12. Allegheny Classis received Rev. C. Borchers, from Indiana Classis, Rev. Paul F. Schulke, from Erie Classis, Rev. J. W. Alspach, from Somerset Classis, Rev. J. E. L. Mueller, from the "United Evangelical Synod of the West," and Rev. J. Hannabery, from Lancaster Classis, Synod of United States. Dismissed Rev. Siegfried Thomas, to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. F. K. Levan, to the Philadelphia Classis, and also dismissed Rev. G. W. Muelder, from all connection with this Classis, and from all ministerial and official relations with the Reformed Church in the United States, from this time forth.

Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.

Item 13. Somerset Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Levansville, Somerset Co., Pa., June 8th, 1876, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. Rupp, President,—Rev. H. F. Keener, Stated Clerk.

Item 14. Clarion Classis will meet in St. Paul Reformed Church, South Bend Charge, on the last Thursday in May, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. D. W. Wolff, President,—Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Stated Clerk.

Item 15. Westmoreland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Mount Pleasant, Pa., June 9th, 1876, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. B. Lady, President,—Rev. J. F. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

Item 16. St. Paul Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa., June 7th, 1876, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. Pilgram, President, Rev. D. D. Leberman, Stated Clerk.

Item 17. Allegheny Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Harmony, Butler Co., Pa., May 19th, 1876, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, President, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. STAUFFER,
H. F. KEENER,
D. D. LEBERMAN,
PETER HILL,
W. G. KING.

This report was considered by items with the following result :

Items 1 and 4 were adopted and requests granted. Item 2, request denied. Item 3, adopted, and the clerk's attention directed to it. *Item 5.* For the action on this item, see Art. XX., Church Government. All the other items were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Overtures would respectfully report the following items :—

Item 1. An action by the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions.

Item 2. An excuse from Rev. L. D. Steckel, for non-attendance upon this meeting of Synod.

Item 3. A request from Rev. L. Cort, to be excused for non-attendance.

Item 4. The First Annual Report of Greensburgh Female Seminary.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. J. A. Peters, enclosing report of the Committee on Boundary lines between the Synods of the United States, Potomac and Pittsburgh.

Item 6. A request from Rev. G. B. Masalsky to be excused for non-attendance.

Respectfully submitted.

D. D. LEBERMAN,
J. J. PENNEPACKER,
F. WISE,
JOHN TRUXAL,
WM. BOWLING.

Item 1. The overture was referred to the Committee on Missions, and the whole subject of Missions was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when Synod shall enter into Committee of the whole to consider the subject.

Items 2, 3 and 6. Revs. Steckel, Cort and Masalsky were excused for non-attendance. *Item 5,* was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. Dr. G. B. Russell, A. E. Truxal and Elder W. G. King,—for whose report see Art. XX., Church Government. *Item 4* was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report of the Committee was received and adopted:
Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, beg
leave to report that no applications have been made.

Respectfully submitted.

L. B. LEASURE,
F. WISE,
JOHN McCONNELL,
NICHOLAS REEFER,
JAMES FULMER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following is the report of the Committee as received and adopted.—

Reverend Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—

To Him who hath created us ; to Him who hath redeemed us ; and to Him who sanctifieth us, be all glory and praise in the Church by Christ Jesus, our Lord, world without end. Amen.

The reports on the State of the Church from the several Classes, which compose this Reverend Synod present their usual, and it may be said, the distinguishing, features of the Kingdom of God's grace in the world. They furnish evidence of weakness and strength,—of light and darkness,—of faithfulness and unfaithfulness,—of opposition met by the divine heroism of Christian faith,—of prosperity and seeming failure. Were we to consider what appears to belong solely to the outward, we might ask where is the promise of His coming, and of His constant presence in the Church? Has His arm been shortened that He can no longer save? Has His Spirit forsaken the Church and has the candlestick been removed? Where is the power of His Kingdom to prevail over all, and subdue all to the influence of His Gospel? It is, however, the old story of the burning bush. Human weakness and human reason say,—Her glory has departed ; her banner has been trailed in the dust, and her enemies rejoice in her apparent want of power and success. Christian faith, and Christian reliance on the Lord's Almighty power and love, see that the bush has not been consumed. The Church still stands in opposition to the world. The gates of hell have not prevailed against her. The banner of the blood-stained cross still waves upon the ramparts of Zion. The Scepter is still held in the hand of her glorified Head. True, she has felt the strokes of the enemy. But like the smitten rock in the wilderness, from her wounds have flowed the sweet waters of life for the healing of the lame, the sick and the blind among the children of

men. The fountain is still open, and the living stream still issues forth for the healing of the leprosy of sin. Her table is still spread, and to it the hungry continue to come and eat the bread of life. The reports show this. For notwithstanding the weakness, failure, unfaithfulness, and depression of which they speak, and which seem to belong to the very idea of the militant Church, they speak also of earnest labor, self-denying devotion, and intelligent zeal in the cause of Christ. The glad tidings of salvation by Jesus Christ have been proclaimed throughout our Synod. The means of grace have been regularly offered and received by faith in Him who is always present in His Church. Our missionary work has been maintained not with as much zeal, perhaps, as the work demands, nor with as great success as might be desired,—but something has been done, and these outposts of our Reformed Zion are still blessing the Church by their claims upon our sympathy and support. A respectable number have been added to the Church of those who shall be saved. All this is evidence of growth, and a firmer conviction that now is the time to work, because night cometh wherein no man can work. If we have not yet gained the summit of the mountain, we have at least, gotten a little farther up its side than we were one year ago. If we cannot yet get a full view of the promised land, we may at least see its borders. And if we ask, watchman, what of the night? faith answers,—we may see the sun of the day of God, and feel his genial warmth.

But the Lord will remove the clouds, and level the mountains by human hands. Our duty, therefore, is to labor in faith and prayer, and go forward in the way of suffering and trial.

It is yet our pleasant duty to mention that the ranks of our ministry have been decimated, during the year, by the hand of death. We call it a pleasant duty because they have been called up higher.

REV. H. E. F. VOIGT.

Westmoreland Classis records the death of Rev. H. E. F. Voigt, who has long borne the burden and the heat of the day, and to whom after a long life of active service, and of unswerving devotion to the Church of his choice, has been given the crown of eternal life. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. We cherish his memory as a loving friend and a faithful minister to whom the Church owes a lasting debt of gratitude for his earnest self-denying labors in her behalf.

REV. ABNER DALE.

Allegheny Classis reports the death of Rev. Abner Dale, a brother who, by his genial disposition and earnest devotion to his calling, had endeared himself to the whole Church, and died during the past Winter. His memory is affectionately embalmed in the hearts of the brethren of this Synod, and he walked with God; and he is not; for God took him.

REV. PHILIP ZEISER.

St. Paul's Classis has placed on record its graceful tribute of reverential respect to the memory of its aged pioneer, Rev. Philip Zeiser. He departed in the brightness of an assured and blissful hope beyond. His memory is embalmed in the hearts of many, is blessed, and his works do follow him.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
D. B. LADY,		
F. PILGRAM,		
W. A. WARNICK,		
P. SCHRECKENGOST.		

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

Communications from the Tri-Synodical Board.

Whereas the several Synods under whose authority the Board is operating, meet this year in convention, and this opportunity is offered to bring the subject of Missions to very general attention during their sessions,—therefore resolved,—That we as a Board respectfully request the several Synods fully to consider the following facts:

1. That we owe our Missionaries the sum of \$5500, and need \$9500 to meet the current expenses in carrying forward the work during the year.

2. That the Board having resolved to borrow no more money on the one hand, and the salaries of our Missionaries being at best small and the cold weather at the door on the other hand, it is of the greatest account that immediate measures be taken to meet our dues in this respect; all monies paid in, of course to be credited to respective charges.

Resolved, That the Synods are generally requested to set apart some time during their sessions to take counsel together on this matter so vital to the interests of the Reformed Church.

By order of the Board.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The following Missions have been under the care of your Board of Missions during the Synodical year just closed:

Synod of the United States.

Catasauqua, Pa. Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor. Has a very valuable property, and is making progress, both internally and externally.

Its debt, however, weighs upon it. Unless East Pennsylvania Classis can either largely relieve this or strengthen the charge by the addition of a good congregation, the present appropriation of the Board will have to be reduced at a very slow rate. Prospects otherwise good, and the pastor's labors successful. App. \$700—till January 1st. Undetermined beyond that time. German and English.

Reading, Pa. Christ Church. Served by Rev. J. Fuendeling for ten months of the year. Since then by Rev. R. Kunz. For several months during the Summer the affairs of this congregation were unsettled; in good condition now. By having the parochial school cease and a small family on the part of the new pastor, we have been enabled to reduce the appropriation from \$700 to \$350, for the year. Prospects promising. German.

St. John's. Became vacant last March. Supplied during the Summer. Oct. 1st, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz takes charge. Appropriation for the first year \$400. Expected to be shortly self-supporting. German and English.

Philadelphia, Pa. St. Stephen's. Rev. A. Romich, pastor. An old Mission. About maintains its own from year to year. The dear brother who serves it as pastor has of late been much afflicted, having been laid low with fever himself and having buried a child. Appropriation, old \$225; new \$200. This latter for six months.

St. John's. Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. Growing. Our only English congregation in West Philadelphia with a population of 70,000. Good property. Small debt. Appropriation \$400—continued.

Wyoming, Del. Supplied part of the year. Since August, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. F. Lichliter. This mission is central for our future efforts to build up the Reformed Church in the State of Delaware, whither many of our people are moving. A very substantial beginning has here been made. Appropriation \$300.—English.

Harrisburg, Pa. Second Church. Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. This mission has gone forward without very material change. It has lost some good members by removal, owing to hard times, and it has gained others by its inner activity and growth. It has built an addition to its church for Sunday School purposes, and has a flourishing school. Appropriation \$300, continued. English.

Zwingli. Rev. M. Noll, pastor. Maintains its own, and would grow in better times. Its inner condition seems to be gaining in permanent character. Appropriation \$300, old; new \$225. German.

Columbia, Pa. Rev. C. Clever, pastor. Prosperous. Appropriation, old \$200; new \$150. English.

Hazleton, Pa. Emanuel's. Rev. I. E. Graeff, pastor. Part of the year vacant. Latterly served by Rev. I. E. Graeff, as pastor. Has been changed from German to German and English, as our first Church in the town is entirely German. Many East Pennsylvania people live here, who need service in both languages. Appropriation \$100.

Overton, Pa. Rev. J. H. Schlappig, pastor. Reports progress. A northern frontier mission of our Church. Appropriation \$75, continued. English and German.

Liverpool, Pa. Rev. W. Donat, pastor. Improving ; so that the appropriation could be reduced since July 1st, from \$150 to \$80. English and German.

Lykens, Pa. Rev. J. Kretzing, pastor. Since July a self-supporting charge by its connection with two other congregations. The late appropriation was \$350. English and German.

South Bethlehem, Pa. Rev. N. Z. Snyder, pastor. Will be a self-supporting charge, in connection with other congregations from October 1st. Prosperous. Late appropriation \$200. English and German.

Pittsburgh Synod.

Kittanning, Pa. Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Quite prosperous. Will soon be self-supporting. Appropriation \$300,—until June, 1875, since then \$225. English.

Meadville, Pa. Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. Two congregations, one in town and one in the country. Doing well. An old mission. Appropriation \$150 ; now discontinued. English and German.

Titusville, Pa. The late pastor, owing to well-known difficulties of the congregation, left with the close of last December. Vacant since. Should form a charge in connection with Corry and Union City. In its present condition, it is next to impossible to run it as a mission. The late appropriation was \$300. German and English.

Cumberland, Md. Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. Doing well. A number of serious obstacles have been removed or relieved during the year. Church building improved, and painted. A new point begun in connection with it at Keyser City. Appropriation \$400 ; continued. German.

Pittsburgh, Pa. St. Paul's. Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. Growing, though slowly. Labors under considerable debt. Building repainted. Pastor hopeful in his work. Appropriation, old \$300 ; new \$220. German.

St. James'. Rev. C. Borchers, pastor. Gaining every way in solid character. Located amid a large German population. Appropriation, old \$225 ; new \$200. German.

St. Luke's. Rev. P. F. Schulke, pastor. New mission ; hard work. Pastor moderately successful ; labored earnestly. Now vacant. Appropriation \$200. German.

Trinity. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Has been from the first a flourishing mission. Appropriation, old \$400 ; new \$300, conditional. English.

Zion's Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D., pastor. A thrifty young interest. Paid off some of its debt ; down to \$1000. Had some trouble, and suffered from it to some extent. Has stood up for order. Appropriation, old \$400 ; new \$300, conditional. English.

We use the word *conditional* in reference to the new appropriation to Trinity and Zion's, because the Superintendent of Missions is in

structed to effect such arrangements with them as may be to their common interest, and mutually satisfactory.

Triadelphia, W. Va. Until July vacant. Since then under the pastoral care of Rev. Louis Miller. A small interest, not likely to be soon self-supporting. Appropriation \$150. German.

Scottdale, Pa. Supplied part of the year by Rev. Prof. Lucian Cort. Since August under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger. Doing well. Expects to have other congregations united with it so as to form a good charge before very long. Appropriation \$300. English.

Helvetia, W. Va. Rev. A. Kern, pastor. This is a pioneer congregation, in the wilderness. Prospering. Another point has lately been added by the pastor. Appropriation \$100; continued. German.

Buffalo, N. Y. Salem's. Rev. C. Kuss, pastor. Placed by the German Synod of the East, under the care of its own Board, since January, 1875. Appropriation \$300. German.

Synod of the Potomac.

Duncannon, Pa. Under the pastoral care of Rev. H. Wisler, until August. Vacant now. Has a good field for growth in the future. Appropriation, old \$400; new \$300. English and German.

Washington, D. C. Rev. M. Treiber, pastor. The congregation has connected with the German Maryland Classis, and has ceased to be under our care since July 1st. Appropriation \$300. German.

Baltimore, Md. Emanuel's. Rev. J. C. Hauser, pastor. Placed by the German Synod of the East, under the care of its own Board, since January, 1875. Appropriation \$300. German.

Winchester, Va. Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. Making progress internally and externally. Appropriation, old \$350; new \$300. English.

San Francisco, Cal. Rev. J. H. Krueger, pastor. No particular change during the year. Holds fairly its own. Appropriation, old \$330; new \$250. German.

Stockton, Cal. Rev. J. Müllhaupt, pastor. A prosperous mission from the beginning. Since January, 1875, self-supporting. Late appropriation \$80. German.

Napa, Cal. Rev. F. Fox, pastor. Doing well. Missionary encouraged, and doing some service beyond the bounds of his charge. Appropriation, old \$440; new \$330. English and German.

Portland, Oregon. Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. Mission new. Fifty members gathered. No property yet. Missionary feels encouraged, and hopeful. Appropriation \$600. German.

New Missions.

A number of applications for the establishment of new Missions have come before us; the most of them from prominent places. In each case some preparatory work has been done.

Washington, D. C. An English interest. The membership has been visited, and found anxious for an organization. The Board has

instructed the Superintendent of Missions to bring this interest before our liberal-hearted people ; and as soon as he has secured the promise of a sufficient sum to support a pastor for three years, to cause the Mission to be organized. A good beginning could be made here in the nation's capital.

Allentown, Pa. Salem's. A good chapel built and paid for. Sunday School organized. No pastor yet. A very promising interest.

Easton, Pa. Grace. New organization. Will build a chapel yet this season. A good subscription for it. No pastor yet. Promising every way. English and German.

Landsdale, Pa. Regular services have been begun here with the view of organizing a Reformed congregation. Can be connected with neighboring congregations. English and German.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. A large inland city, with many of our people in it ; yet no Reformed congregation. Have taken steps toward an organization, and expect to go forward. Can begin with a good nucleus. Left in hands of the Superintendent. Appropriation \$400. English.

Lock Haven, Pa. A congregation was organized here last winter. Rev. J. W. Pontious took charge about July. The place is important ; an outpost between the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods ; and a good congregation there would tell directly upon the interests of both. The beginning so far looks well, and the young brother in charge feels encouraged. Appropriation \$500. English.

Shenandoah City, Pa. Lately taken under the care of the Board. Congregation doing quite well under the charge of Rev. E. D. Miller. The corner-stone for a new church has been laid. The pastor serves also some country congregations. Appropriation \$200. English and German.

EXPENSES.

It is interesting to study the expenditure required during the past two years, to do the work of Missions in these three Synods, and the prospective cost for the next year on the basis of our present general plan. It must be distinctly borne in mind, that during the year before the present, our Board *received* simply the Mission work as the several Synods and Classes had shaped it during preceding years. It took and carried forward what was given it ready to hand and on the list. It is true, it declined a few old Missions, and carried a number of the rest only from four to six or nine months ; and thus, of course, had its expenses *under* the figure of actual cost of all during the whole year. Yet the expense account of our Treasurer last October, 1874, stood :

Cash paid out.....	\$8,295 00
Orders unpaid.....	4,000 00
Total cost of the Missions to the Board.....	\$12,295 00

During the second year, now closing, the Board had its own way to a large extent. It had itself relieved of some of the old Missions, changed the appropriations of a few and carried for part of the year the new Missions, Salem's, Buffalo, N. Y., and that at Lock Haven. and during the whole year, St. Luke's, Pittsburgh. Now the total expenses of the Board amount to \$11,000—which is \$1300 less than the year before. The cost of carrying forward our Mission work for the incoming year is estimated, as will be seen below, at \$9500—including new Missions, to the extent that they will affect us during the course of the year. This will be \$1500 less than our expenses during the past year, and near \$3000 less than when we got the Missions.

For a statement of our income this year and our actual indebtedness, we refer to the Treasurer's report.

We congratulate the Synods and the Church on the following points apparently secured in the way of positive, permanent progress.

1. The Board has come to have something like the proper control over all the Missions under its care, and in the organization of new Missions, it is consulted, and the general cause is allowed consideration.

2. Missions can now be retired and old appropriations reduced to some effect; and this without injuring any one, while saving a large sum to the Treasury. Time and labor and system have brought this about.

3. We are rapidly coming to have a fair proportion of new Missions, mainly in large towns and cities, and calculated to inspire enlarged zeal and interest in the Church at large.

4. Nearly all the Classes in the three Synods are now actively co-operating with the Board, and apportionments are cheerfully and liberally made for the cause. The meetings of the several Classes last Spring showed a marked improvement in this respect over those of the Spring before.

5. Taken as a whole, our Synods, Classes, Congregations, and Sunday Schools are in better, harmonious, felt co-operation in carrying forward this good work than they have ever been heretofore.

6. That while the Board had transferred to itself by the Synods and Classes, two years ago, Missions costing full \$4,000 above the then current income, we will henceforth be in shape to pay by steps the debt accumulated in consequence.

As last Spring's apportionments have not yet been met *in proportion to the time elapsed since*, by the majority of the Classes, the following statement will give a near estimate of the financial wants of the cause of Missions for the *coming Classical year*.

Probable actual expense for that year.....	\$9,500 00
Amount needed to pay deficit past and present.....	5,500 00
Total	<hr/> \$15,000 00

Of this amount we suggest the following subdivision :

Synod in the United States.....	\$8,500 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	3,200 00
Synod of the Potomac.....	3,300 00
Total	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

In all we have had *forty-two* Missions under our care. Owing to the pressure of the times, the work had to be carried forward with unusual care and effort. Special thanks are due our Missionaries for their steady labors amid severe self-denial. The Lord will reward them. May He also direct the Synods to devise and do as may best answer the high interests of the Missionary cause, as it confronts us as a Church of Jesus Christ !

Respectfully submitted. F. K. LEVAN,
Superintendent of Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I beg leave, very respectfully, to submit my Second Annual Report, exhibiting the Receipts and Disbursements of the Board for the year ending October 5th, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$250 53	
(S. Schools, \$40.75)		
" Goshenhoppen.....	1,054 46	
" East Pennsylvania.....	712 93	
(S. Schools, \$62.16.)		
" Tohickon.....	551 06	
" Lebanon.....	2,120 75	
(S. Schools, \$100.00)		
" Lancaster.....	501 42	
(S. Schools, \$6.00.)		
" West Susquehanna.....	420 45	
(S. Schools, \$40.00)		
" East Susquehanna.....	615 73	
(S. Schools, \$12.34)		
Total from Synod of the U. S., (including Sunday Schools, \$261.25).....	<u> </u>	\$6,227 33
Carried forward,	\$6,227.33	

Synod of the Potomac.

Brought forward,	\$6.227.33	
Classis of Zion.....	\$832 63	
(S. Schools, \$56.16)		
" Maryland,.....	529 74	
(S. Schools, \$152.51)		
" Mercersburg,.....	50 00	
(S. Schools, \$10.00)..		
" Virginia.....	100 00	
Total from Synod of Potomac, (including Sunday Schools, \$218.67).....	—————	\$1,512 37

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Allegheny.....	\$375 00	
" Clarion,	679 12	
(S. Schools, \$12.65)		
" St. Paul.....	163 46	
" Somerset,.....	301 43	
(S. Schools, \$5.50)..		
From Treasurer of Synod.....	406 28	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh, (including Sunday Schools, \$18.15).....		\$1,925 29
Total from the three Synods, (including Sunday Schools).....		\$9,664 99
From Loans.....		5,511 07
" Miscellaneous Sources.....		166 67
Total from all sources.....		\$15,342 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

By balance due Treasurer, as per last account rendered October 13th, 1874.....	\$131 73	
By orders of the Board paid during year.....	10,706 10	
By amount paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	267 50	
By amount paid Loans to bank,.....	4,005 83	
By balance due the Board.....	232 07	\$15,342 73

It will be observed, that, although the total contribution from the different Synods is about \$1,500 in excess of last year's, yet, in consequence of the large appropriations needed to support our devoted Missionaries, heavy loans were necessitated, of which \$500 remains unpaid; and orders amounting to \$4,500 are in the hands of the Treasurer, for the payment of which no provision could be made.

The large sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is, therefore, needed, and should be provided at once by the Church, to liquidate the claims of her Missionaries.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT,
Treasurer.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1875.

I hereby certify, that I have audited the account of William H. Seibert, by vouchers, and find the same correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of \$232.07.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the above papers were referred, submitted their report, which was acted upon item by item and adopted, reading as follows:

Your Committee on Missions learn from the report of the Superintendent that the missions under the Joint Board of the three Eastern Synods—forty-two in number—are, with a few exceptions, in a prosperous condition.

During the past year a number of them have become self-sustaining, others are expected soon to become so, and several new ones have been taken up.

From the Treasurer's report and a communication from the Board itself, it appears that \$5,500 are required to carry forward our missionary operations during the year.

It also appears from these documents that we are assessed more to meet the indebtedness of the Board, and that \$9,500 are needed, than twice as much per communing member as the Synods in the United States and the Potomac.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we have confidence in the present plan of missionary work, provided the management be fair and equal in all the Synods.

Resolved, 2d, That we heartily commend the good cause of Home Missions to the enlarged liberality of our people, and this Synod hereby pledges itself to raise its full, just proportion of the funds needed to carry forward the work of the Board.

Resolved, 3d, That we hereby direct the Committee on Finance to apportion Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) upon our several Classes for Missionary purposes—and that they be again urged to pay their apportionments quarterly.

Resolved, 4th, That this Synod desires the management of the Board to be as economical as is consistent with the interests of the cause it represents, and that it be subordinate, in all its operations to the General Synod's Board.

Resolved, 5th, That the Classes in arrears on their apportionments be urged to pay up immediately, in view of the pressing needs of our missionaries.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
J. F. WIAANT,
J. DOTTERER,
R. STERNER,
DAVID HUMPHREY,

} Committee.

The Resolutions found on page 18 of last year's Minutes, giving certain instructions to the Treasurer, and to the Superintendent of Missions, were reiterated, as may be seen in the action taken on the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN U. S.:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held two regular meetings during the current Synodical year. At its first meeting the Board organized by re electing DANIEL W. GROSS, *President*; WM. J. BEAR, *Vice-president*; EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Recording Secretary*, and JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

We have not yet secured an Agent to canvass the Church on behalf of the Seminary, but believe we will very soon obtain one who will devote himself to this work. The financial condition of the country is slowly improving, and the prospects for the success of an agent are certainly better now than one year ago.

For information in regard to the various funds in our hands, we refer you to our Treasurer's Report, accompanying this paper, which will fully explain our financial condition.

The Semi-centennial offerings have amounted thus far to about \$925—not as much as we should have received, but we trust the Churches will take steps to carry out the plan proposed, and considerably enlarge this fund.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Secretary*.

JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Statement of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, from October, 1874, to October, 1875.

1875.

DR.

Oct. 26. For sundry interests received on Endowment Fund to date.....

\$3,476 60

Brought forward..... \$3,476 60

1875.

CR.

Oct. 26.	By amount paid Professors' salary, and sundry Bills per vouchers.....		4,467 16
Oct. 28.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$990 56	

About \$1,500 interest due the Treasury on above account.

Statement of Building Fund.

1874.

DR.

Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Board.....	9,186 47
	" received to October 26, 1875, on 1st and 2d Agency notes.....	1,280 39
	Amount of interest received.....	440 43

\$10,907 29

1875.

CR.

Oct. 26.	By amount paid Rev. J. W. Steinmetz.....	85 00
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Total of Fund October 26th, 1875..... \$10,822 29

Statement of Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

1874.

DR.

Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$1,271 59
Oct., 1875.	" of interest received to date.....	76 49
"	" payments made on same account.....	15 50

Total of Fund Oct. 26, 1875..... \$1,363 58

Statement of Smaltz Fund.

1875.

DR.

Oct. 26.	Amount of interest received on Fund to date,.....	\$554 39
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1875.

CR.

Oct. 26.	By amount paid for Beneficiary Education, per order.....	470 00
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Balance in hands of Treasurer, October 26, 1875, is.... \$84 39

Statement of Theological Seminary Library Fund.

1875.

DR.

Oct. 26.	Amount of interest received on Fund.....	\$251 25
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1875.

CR.

Oct. 26.	By sundry Bills paid per vouchers.....	185 76
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Balance in hands of Treasurer, Oct. 26, 1875..... 65 49

Statement of Endowment Fund.

Oct. 1, 1874.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$63,149 96
Oct. 26, 1875.	" received from Plainfield Bond.....	50 00
"	" received Semi-Centennial offerings for Theological Seminary.....	926 97

Total of Fund, October 26th, 1875..... \$64,126 93

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

RESPECTED BRETHERN :—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave, respectfully, to present to your honorable body the following as their annual report :

During the past year the whole number of students on the roll of the Seminary was thirty-four—ten in the Senior, twelve in the Middle, and twelve in the Junior Class.

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the opening of the year, September, 1874:—A. Revallin Bartholomew, Tilghman R. Dietz, Henry Keller, B. S. Metger, Conrad Nagle, M. H. Mishler, J. Alvin Reber, C. W. E. Siegel, Isaac S. Stahr, and Monroe P. Zeller—ten in all—of these, four are graduates of the College. Four were admitted to the partial course prescribed for them by the faculty.

The Senior Class, consisting of John C. Bowman, S. R. Bridenbaugh, David N. Dittmar, Geo. Calvin Hall, Jacob B. Kerschner, Wm. F. Liebliter, John W. Pontious, Anthony Shulenberger, and Zwingli A. Yearick, nine in all, having completed their studies, received the usual Certificate of Dismission, and Recommendation for Licensure. They are all College graduates, except one, and were all assisted by the Church during the prosecution of their studies. They have been licensed, and are nearly all engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

Mr. Jacob A. Gerhard, of the Middle Class, was removed by death, during the year. His studies had been interrupted at various times, both in the College and the Seminary, by ill-health. He, however, persevered in the presence of many discouragements, and had the prospect of surmounting, at length, the difficulties in his way, and of entering the ministry, when Providence ordered that it should be otherwise. His desire to labor in the ministry seemed to grow stronger and more pure as he approached the termination of his course of studies in the Seminary. His death was a loss to the Church, and his dying testimony a comfort to all who knew him. He died in the faith of the Gospel.

One of the students of the Seminary was unable to return at the opening of the year, for want of funds, and was under the necessity of pursuing his studies privately, in connection with the profession of teaching. Another felt it to be his duty to give up, at least for the present, the idea of preparing for the ministry, on account of ill health, and has entered another profession. It is believed that, with returning health, he will yet see his way clear to return to the Seminary. Two other students withdrew from the Seminary, soon after the opening of the year, one to pursue his studies elsewhere, and the other to engage in a secular calling, for which, however, the Board did not think his reasons were satisfactory. The names of the two latter were stricken from the roll of students.

From the report of the different professors, we learn that the students who were in attendance during the year, were diligent in their

studies, and that their conduct as Christians, and candidates for the office of the holy ministry, has been satisfactory. We believe that both students and professors have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and that the Seminary has been in a sound and healthful condition, satisfactory evidence of which was given in the examination at the close of the year.

The year just closed has been another prosperous one in the history of our School of the Prophets, in which we see clearly the hand and guiding presence of Him who sits in the midst of the seven golden candle-sticks, and guides His Church by His Eternal Spirit. As we look back and contemplate the feeble beginnings of the Seminary, when founded by our fathers fifty years ago at Carlisle; as we reflect on its varying fortunes, its difficulties and trials during this period, its meagre means of support during the greater part of this time; and now behold its prosperous career in the Church, well organized, with its resources gradually increased, and its faculty enlarged, sending forth, from year to year, workmen that need not be ashamed, we deem it eminently proper, here, and at this time, to put on record our sense of the goodness and mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, to us as a Church. Raising our Ebenezer of thanksgiving, we may take courage and go forward in the work committed to our hands. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us.

As a Board of Education, we report that there have been twelve beneficiaries under our care. Of these, one has finished his studies and is now in the ministry. The amount that came into the treasury including balance of last year, was \$1,551; disbursed, \$922.89; balance in the Treasury, \$628.47; about \$500 of which is available toward paying a note given by the Board for \$1,000.

This report, of course, does not by any means give an adequate idea of what the Church is doing for this cause. Many of our beneficiaries are supported by particular Classes or congregations, and are not here reported. If arrangements could be made by which they could also be included in the annual report of this Board, a better idea could be formed of what the three Synods represented in the Board are accomplishing in this particular department of Christian effort. It is a subject that is worthy of their attention.

For further information in regard to the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the Treasurer's Report.

The officers of the Board are the same as those reported last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

The Committee on Theological Seminary made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would report that the following papers came into our hands: The Report of the Board of Visitors, and a Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, stating that the reason why the Reports of the Trustees

and of the Treasurer were not forwarded, was that no meeting had as yet been held, because the Eastern Synod meets one month later than usual this year, and asking that the Stated Clerk be ordered to publish these Reports as sent hereafter, with the Minutes of Synod. Also, an invitation for this Synod to unite in the celebration of the Semi-centennial of the Theological Seminary.

It is with great pleasure that we learn of the continued success of our School of the Prophets. We hail with joy the report of the large attendance of Students, and their careful preparation for the vacant fields of the Church.

We pray the Great Head of the Church that young men, in still larger numbers, may be constrained to dedicate themselves to the work of the ministry.

We recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be ordered to incorporate the Reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer, in the Minutes in their proper place.

2. Resolved, That this Synod unite in the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Seminary, and that we request as many of our Ministers and Elders as can conveniently do so, to attend the approaching meeting of the Eastern Synod, at Lancaster, Pa.

3. Resolved, That the present members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

C. U. HEILMAN,
J. DOTTERER,
J. W. LOVE,
LEVI MOYER,
GEO. H. PFAFF.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions held a meeting in January last at Greensburgh, Pa. The subject claiming our attention was mainly the course of study to be pursued by the pupils in Greensburgh Female Seminary.

After obtaining the views of the brethren present, the whole matter was submitted to an Executive Committee consisting of Revs. J. W. Love, J. M. Titzel and J. I. Swander, who subsequently agreed with the Principal in the adoption of what is believed to be a very full and complete course,—such as will give any young lady who takes it, a finished education in both the ornamental and substantial branches of female culture.

We are happy to say that the school opened with about fifty pupils, and that at present the number of boarding and day pupils is sixty-five. The patronage from the immediate vicinity has been far beyond what was expected.

It is hoped that when the School becomes better known abroad, its spacious rooms and halls will be crowded with young ladies from abroad, so that the whole Synod may receive the benefit of its thorough culture of the female mind and heart.

Prof. Cort has invested about eighteen thousand dollars in providing and furnishing a large and commodious brick building in every way adapted for the purpose intended. The location is one of the most healthy that can be found, and commands a beautiful view of the town of Greensburgh and surrounding country. The Faculty is composed of six experienced instructors, all of whom have been connected with some of the best schools in the country. We are free to say that we have never known of any better qualified teachers in their several departments. We may add, that so far as we have been able to learn, the school has given entire satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of the first term were attended by a part of this Board, and by a large number of the best citizens of Greensburgh and vicinity. There was but one opinion as regards the efficiency of the teaching, viz: that it is of the most thorough kind. This view was embodied in a report of a large Committee of literary gentlemen appointed for the purpose of witnessing and reporting upon the examination.

In addition to the culture of mind and heart, considerable attention is paid to the study of refined manners, to needle-work, and to the healthy exercise of the body. All the young ladies are given a full, scientific course in Calisthenics by a lady teacher who is a graduate in that art.

Thus without investing a dollar of money, the Pittsburgh Synod has a young ladies' school, under the direction of her Board, that is second to none in the country. We, therefore, heartily commend it to the patronage of our own people, and of the public generally.

In regard to establishing a school for young men, we know of nothing to encourage the hope of a speedy consummation of that project. The special Committee appointed to give attention to the securing of a site for a college building will doubtless report separately.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE, Pres't.
J. I. SWANDER,
T. J. BARKLEY,
J. M. TITZEL.

Report of the Principal of Greensburgh Female Seminary.

It becomes my duty as Principal of the Greensburgh Female Seminary to make the first Annual Report of this Institution to your Reverend Body, under whose care and sanction it has been placed. You have already been informed of the establishment of this Institution in the report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions of the Pittsburgh Synod at your last annual meeting. The object and character of the Institution have been fully set forth, in a circular issued

before the opening of the Institution, to which I refer you, and which is herewith transmitted. The Institution had its origin in the action of Synod's Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions,—and as such, is the child of Synod, and owes allegiance to her, and hence also looks to her for her protection and sanction.

The necessary buildings have been erected and suitably furnished during the past year, at a cost of over \$18,000. It contains all the improvements and conveniences of a *First-class Seminary Building*. The School has been in operation since the 7th of April with an experienced and well qualified Faculty of instruction. Fifty pupils were enrolled during the opening term. The *School year* proper commenced on the 8th of September, when classes were organized in the first and second years of the Seminary course. Large classes were also organized in the Preparatory department. The whole number of young ladies in attendance in the different classes of the Institution is 65. Without entering into details, I am happy to state that the Seminary is in full operation in all its departments. A successful beginning of the Institution has thus been made and the important work of Female Education has been commenced in the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod. The enterprise, however, needs the encouragement and support of the Church to carry forward and complete its work and mission. I, therefore, commend it to the Synod, trusting that it will receive that attention which its importance demands.

Respectfully submitted.

LUCIAN CORT,
Prin. of Greensburgh Female Sem.

Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, would submit the following report:—

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, the Board held one regular meeting. The attendance of members was better than usual, and the interest in the prosperity of the Home all that could be desired. The greater part of the business, however, is transacted by the Executive Committee, whose actions are subject to the Supervision of the Board. Upon this Committee devolves the duty of attending to the wants of the Home, and seeing that its management is in harmony with the purpose for which it was originally founded.

It affords us pleasure to report, that during the past year, the much needed repairs have been completed. The building has been painted, both inside and outside, and now presents a new, fresh appearance; the porches have been repaired, the barn, fences and other surroundings look well, while the little farm has yielded a bountiful harvest of corn, potatoes and other products useful in such a large family. But the repairs have added considerably to the expenses of the year; and as a consequence, the debt reported at the last annual meeting of Synod, has been increased, and now amounts to about fifteen hundred dollars. This sum, however, has not all gone for repairs. The

income is not as large as in former years. The number of Soldiers' Orphans has been diminished and the amount received from the State has been accordingly reduced. The number of Church Orphans has increased, and the contributions from the Church have not increased, but have fallen off. The Board, therefore, asks the Synod to adopt such measures as will arouse a new interest in, and elicit a longer benevolence in behalf of the Home. For if it is to be maintained, and the hopes of its friends realized in the good it may accomplish for the Church, there must be greater liberality on the part of the people. The Board cannot conduct it successfully without means, and looks to the Church mainly for the amount needed to feed, clothe and educate those whom the Master commands us to receive in His name.

The moral and religious condition of the Home is as good as can be expected. In our former reports there was no occasion to mention any cases of specially bad conduct. Now, however, it is our painful duty to report that one, a soldier's orphan, is about to be discharged for gross immorality, the precise nature of which need not be named in this report. With this exception, we have no hesitation in informing the Synod, that the morals of the inmates of the Home, are good, better, indeed, than those of Institutions generally into which some children, whose earliest impressions are received from dissolute parents and wicked companions, are gathered.

The Board, in conclusion, asks the prayers of the Synod, that the Home may enjoy the full blessing of Him who cares for the needy little ones, and also a full, hearty response to our appeal for larger contributions from all our churches, not only that the number of orphans we now have, may be supported, but that others may be received who are praying to be admitted.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

T. J. BARKLEY,
President.

*Report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning as received
and adopted:*

Your Committee on Institutions of Learning would respectfully report that the following documents have been referred to it:

1. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions of this Synod, together with the first Annual Report of the Greensburgh Female Seminary.
2. The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.
3. The item from the Minutes of General Synod, referring S. S interests to the District Synods.

From Sunday, or Parochial schools, we have no reports. From other sources we learn, that in nearly all our congregations Sunday Schools are kept open at least part of the year, whilst in some the schools are kept open the whole year.

It is with regret we acknowledge, that there are no Parochial Schools in any of the English congregations in this Synod. We hope that soon the time will come when we shall have Parochial Schools connected with, and under the control of our congregations.

In reference to Sunday Schools we recommend the appointment of a S. S. Board, who shall arrange a programme for the second day of our next annual meeting.

Though we have no official report of *Clarion Collegiate Institute*, at Rimersburgh, under the control of Clarion Classis—it affords us pleasure to record, that it is in a prosperous condition, having an attendance of 65 students.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions, is mainly taken up with a statement of the opening, management, present status and future prospects of the *Greensburgh Female Seminary*. From this report and the accompanying letters of Prof. Cort, we learn that this Synod has reason to rejoice in the fact of having under its control a *first-class* Female Seminary in full operation, with an attendance of 65 pupils, at no pecuniary expense to the Synod.

In view of these facts—

Resolved, That we heartily commend the Greensburgh Female Seminary to the favorable notice and liberal patronage of our people and of the public generally.

The Report of the Directors of the *St. Paul Orphan Home*, makes a brief and satisfactory statement of the financial and moral condition and wants of the Home. On account of the repairs of the property, the current expenses, and the large falling off in the contributions of the churches and friends of the Home, there is now a debt of about \$1,500, which should be speedily met. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That St. Paul Orphan Home presents to the people of our Church an object most worthy of practical Christian Beneficence,—and its continuous claims to their hearty love and active charity are most cordially commended to the people of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, 2d, That all the pastors be directed to take collections in their congregations between this and the first of March, 1876, for the immediate relief of the Home, and that the roll of the several Classes be called at their next annual meetings, to ascertain whether this duty has been attended to in time.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. WIA NT,
C. U. HEILMAN,
F. WISE,
LEVI MOYER,
JOHN CRICK,

} Committee.

Report on James Kelly's Gift of Land for the proposed College.

The undersigned hereby informs this Synod, that, soon after the last annual meeting, he met Mr. James Kelley, to whom he reported the action taken. He expressed his entire willingness to set apart

the land as proposed. He had not, as yet, settled upon what particular site should be adopted. At a subsequent interview, we proposed to secure the title by a legal paper properly executed. But in view of the hard times, which rendered it inopportune then to make any general effort in behalf of the College enterprise; and from the fact that he had conceived the idea that the Church was not now making earnest efforts in this work, he postponed further action for the time.

If Synod will now indicate its hearty sympathy with the project and its purpose to use the land offered for the Educational work of the Church at its earliest opportunity, and will continue the Committee, we will endeavor to secure the title to the land by an agreement setting forth such purpose

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. RUSSELL, *Comm.*

This Report was received and adopted, and the Committee continued.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board.

The Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod met immediately after the election of last year, and re-organized by electing GEO. B. RUSSELL, *President* and *Treasurer*, and JACOB HERSHEY, *Secretary*.

The Board fixed the amount to be named in the Bonds given by Beneficiary Students, to be at the rate of \$200 per annum for the time they are to receive aid. This will fully cover their annual appropriations, and any incidental expenses which may be incurred.

The old Bonds held by the several Classes were requested to be transferred to this Board. None of these have come into our possession. Until this request is complied with, the Board will be at sea as to the securities of the Students given according to rule, for their appropriations received. It will be for the Synod to enforce this rule, and the reasonable request under which it can be made effective.

One of the Students, J. C. Tinsman, did not apply for the appropriation; and by the action of Allegheny Classis, he, at his own request, will bear his own expenses when he returns to his studies. Two others of the Beneficiaries, J. W. Pontious and W. F. Lichliter, completed their course during the year, and are now actively at work in the Gospel ministry. May they be a source of glory to the Beneficiary cause, that has put them into the service of the Church! Application has been made to the Board for an appropriation in behalf of another student now half way through College. If the Synod provides the money, he will be aided.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the income of the Board was far below its promises to the students. The appropriations voted by the several Classes to the beneficiaries put in the care of the Board

were not furnished. The Synod's apportionments of last year, only came before the Classes late last spring,—and these are sent down to the pastoral charges for the current year. So that one whole College year was not regularly provided for. This accounts, mainly, for the large deficit of \$600, due on last year's apportionments. It will be for the Synod so to arrange this matter, as to make up this difference, and to keep the Board in funds equal to the demands of this vital interest.

Some of the Classes, as will be seen by the acknowledgements, gave absolutely nothing to this cause last year; perhaps under the wrong impression that as none of the students were from their bounds, there was no duty resting on them. But all should alike take part in the common cause, and thus help to bear one another's burdens. About one thousand dollars of new apportionment will be needed, besides immediate provision for the five hundred dollars now over due to the Beneficiary Students. Shall the Board be authorized to borrow this amount, to meet the pressing need?

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *President and Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Treas., Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod.*

MONEYS RECEIVED.

1874.			
Oct.	24,	From former Treas., J. W. Love.....	\$84 45
Nov.	28,	" unknown friend.....	1 00
Dec.	1,	" T. J. Craig, Treas. Allegheny Classis.....	50 00
Dec.	8,	" J. W. Love, " Westmoreland Classis.....	115 00
"	15,	" C. M. Bousch, " St. Paul "	20 00
"	18,	" Anthony Bonnet.....	1 00
1875.			
Jan.	8,	" C. M. Bousch, Treas. St. Paul Classis.....	20 00
"	21,	" " " " "	7 00
Feb.	18,	" E. H. Dieffenbacher " "	7 88
March	10,	" T. J. Craig, Treas. Allegheny Classis.....	150 00
"	17,	" J. W. Love. " Westmoreland Classis.	110 00
July	7,	" C. M. Bousch, " St. Paul "	80 00
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MONEYS PAID OUT.

To J. W. Knappenberger.....	\$125 00
“ J. W. Pontious.....	105 00
“ W. F. Lichliter.....	100 00
“ Robt. Bowling.....	100 00
“ John Schick.....	90 00
“ Ed. Wingenroth.....	90 00
“ J. N. Appel.....	40 00
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	\$650 00

Balance due Treasurer..... \$3 67.

The above report was referred to the Committee on Education, whose report was received and adopted, reading as follows:—

The Committee on Education beg leave to offer the following report:—

The only paper referred to this Committee, is the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education from which we learn the following:

1. Immediately after the last meeting of Synod, the Board was reorganized by appointing Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., Pres't and Treas., and Jacob Hershey, Secretary.

2. The Board fixed the amount to be named in the Bonds given by Beneficiary Students to be at the rate of \$200 per annum for the time they are to receive aid. This will fully cover their annual appropriations and any incidental expenses that may be incurred.

3. The old bonds held by the several Classes were requested to be transferred to the Board. This request has not been complied with, and until this is done, the Board will be at sea as to the securities the Students give according to rule for appropriations received.

4. Two Students, J. W. Pontious and W. F. Lichliter, have finished their course of study and entered the Gospel Ministry. Another Beneficiary Student, J. C. Tinsman, at his request, will hereafter bear his own expenses.

5. The Board gave aid to seven students during the past year. At present they have eight students under their care.

6. The appropriations voted by the several Classes to the students put under the care of the Board, were not furnished. Some Classes gave nothing for this cause.

7. The Synod's apportionment only came before the Classes, last Spring, and these are sent down to the pastoral charges for the current year, so that a whole College year was not regularly provided for.

8. Six hundred dollars are yet due the Beneficiaries.

9. To pay the old dues and to carry forward this important work successfully during the year, the Board will need about \$1400.

We therefore offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. That Synod apportion \$1400 upon the Classes, for Beneficiary Education.

2. That Synod desires all the Classes to operate heartily in the work of Beneficiary Education, through the Board; and that they be directed to transfer and assign the Bonds given by their students, to the Synodical Board in trust for Synod.

3. That in view of the great want of ministers, and of the vital interest of Beneficiary Education, Synod commends the cause to the earnest and prayerful consideration of pastors and people.

The member whose term expires with this Synod is Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. TRUXAL.

GEO. B. RUSSELL, D. D.

D. W. WOLFF,

GEO. PFAFF,

SIMON BRINKER.

} Committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of the Board.

The Board of Publication beg leave to report :

That one regular meeting was held during the year, at which no business was done except that of effecting an organization.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
Secretary of Board.

*Communications from the Board of Publication of the Synod in
the U. S.*

To the Synod of Pittsburgh of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Dear Brethren :

I have been instructed by the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the U. S., to transmit to you a copy of the following action taken by the Board at its regular meeting held last evening, accompanied by a brief statement of the financial condition of the Board :

“The Board took into consideration, the necessity of adopting some measures, looking to the increase of the circulation of the ‘Messenger,’ and adding to its efficiency as a Church Paper. After a free interchange of views, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Board commend to the earnest attention of Synod, the propriety, as well as necessity, of taking measures to concentrate all the energies of the Synods of Pittsburgh, the Potomac and the United States, upon one Church paper, so as to sustain it properly and strengthen it, and make it such as the exigencies of the Church demand, which shall also be the accredited organ of these three Synods.

Resolved, That, with a view to secure this object, the Board recommend to Synod to effect an arrangement, by which the three Synods shall conjointly elect an Editor in chief, and also three assistant Editors, one to be elected by each Synod.

Resolved, That it be further recommended to Synod to take measures to have the Charter of the Publication Board so changed, that the Board shall thereafter be constituted of Seven Members, three to be elected by the Synod of the United States, two by the Synod of Pittsburgh, and two by the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, That this Board urgently presses upon the attention of Synod, the imperious necessity of taking immediate and efficient measures to secure to the Board a sufficient working capital, according to the action of Synod, taken at its annual Sessions held in Lancaster, Pa., in 1864, and that, inasmuch as the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac were a constituent part of Synod, at the time the action re-

ferred to was taken, they also be respectfully solicited to co-operate in this movement.

Resolved, That in compliance with wishes expressed in quarters entitled to respect, this Board submits to Synod for its consideration, the question, whether the Board of Publication shall resume the Publication of the *Mercersburgh Review*."

The following is a brief statement of the financial condition of the Board, as gathered from the full annual Statement of the Superintendent of the Publication Office, of its operations during the past year.

Receipts for the year.....	\$33,828.31
Disbursements,.....	36,893.27
Excess of Disbursements,.....	3064.96
Liabilities reported Oct. 1, 1874.....	\$26,816.32
" " Oct. 1, 1875.....	29,212.28
Increase of Liabilities,.....	\$2395.96
Assets, Oct. 1, 1874,.....	\$51,637.82
" " 1875,.....	54,991.16
Increase in general Assets	\$3353.34
General Assets,	\$54,991.16
Add Real Estate,	35,000.00
Total Am't. of Assets,	\$89,991.16
General Liabilities,	\$29,212.18
Mortgage on Real Estate,	20,000.00
	49,212.18
Excess of Assets,	40,778.98

That the foregoing are true extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the U. S., at the date indicated, is certified by

SAMUEL R. FISHER,

Philada. Oct. 14th, 1875.

Secretary.

Postscript by the Secretary. At the suggestion of the Board, I would here state, which could not be formally done by the Board, that in case your Synod cordially sympathizes with the movement contained in the action of the Board, and is willing to co-operate in carrying it into practical effect, it will be necessary to appoint a commission to attend the annual sessions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, clothed with authority to consummate the arrangement and unite in the election of an Editor in Chief, and also to designate whom you wish to be your Assistant Editor, and likewise the persons to represent you in the Board. * * *

This overture and the Publication interests of the Synod in general, were considered in Committee of the whole, and the conclusions reached were those embodied in the Report of the Committee on Publication to whom the overture was referred.

The *Committee on Publication* reported the following, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would report the following:

The only papers coming into our hands are a report of the Board of Publication, and a paper from the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States.

From the former we learn that nothing was done save organizing. Hence we have no data to go by, and no action to propose.

With respect to the request of the Eastern Board of Publication, we propose the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod is ready to enter into the Plan proposed by the Board of Publication of the Synod of the United States, provided the details can be satisfactorily arranged.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., as Chairman, with the other members of Synod who might attend the meeting of the Synod at Lancaster, be appointed with plenary power to act in the case.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. WOLFF,
J. W. ALSPACH,
J. F. SNYDER,
JNO. TRUXEL,
W. G. KING,

} Committee.

Resolved, That the Synod regrets the publication of those articles concerning the excursion to St. Paul Orphan Home.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have 1500 copies of the Minutes of Synod published, and to distribute them as last year.

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

1874-	Rec'd from T. J. Craig, Allegheny Classis.		
Nov. 16,	Cash.....		\$100 00
1875.			
Jan. 19,	"		57 93
" 23,	"		21 90
April 22,	"		50 00
May 7,	"		125 00
			<hr/> \$354 83
1874.	Rec'd from Rev. W. Rupp, Somerset Classis.		
Nov. 19,	Cash.....		100 00
" "	"		68 71
1875.			
Jan'y 28,	" (Receipt only).....		67 93
May 7,	"		92 00
" 15,	"		75 00
June 20,	" sent W. H. Seibert.....		100 00
			<hr/> 503 64
Carried over.....			\$858 47

Brought over.....		858 47
1875. Rec'd from J. W. Love, Westmoreland Classis.		
Jan.	2, Cash.....	75 00
Feb'y	1, "	50 00
"	10, "	50 00
April	7, " Joseph Huber, Greensburgh.....	22 50
"	17, " Rev. J. W. Love.....	100 00
July	1, " "	250 00

547 50

Rec'd from C. M. Bousch, St. Paul Classis.		
July	1, Cash.....	30 00

30 00

Rec'd from D. S. Dieffenbacher, Clarion Classis.		
1875.		
Sept.	22, Cash.....	50 00
"	" "	20 00
"	" "	50 00
"	" "	50 00
"	" "	30 00

200 00

Total amount Rec'd..... \$1,635 97

Amount Received since report was first made :

Oct.	6, Rev. J. W. Love.....	\$50 00
"	" " Receipt.....	56 25
"	" " "	56 25
"	" Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher.....	67 00

229 50

EXPENDITURES.

1874.		
Oct.	1, Balance due Treasurer.....	\$27 93
Nov.	16, paid Rev. T. F. Stauffer.....	50 00
"	16, " Rev. Limberg.....	57 93
"	16, " Rev. J. W. Alspach.....	25 00
"	16, " Rev. T. F. Stauffer, W. H. S.....	25 00
"	25, " W. H. Seibert, Treas.....	80 00
1875.		
Jan.	23, " J. A. Hoffheins.....	21 90
"	28, " Rev. Alspach by Rupp.....	67 93
Mar.	17, " Rev. Paul Schulke.....	50 00
"	17, " Minutes of Synod.....	145 75
"	23, " Rev. G. B. Russell.....	50 00
April	7, " Rev. F. K. Levan.....	22 50
"	22, " Rev. Geo. B. Russell.....	50 00
May	7, " Rev. G. H. Johnston.....	100 00
"	7, " Rev. F. K. Levan.....	125 00
"	15, " Rev. G. H. Johnston.....	100 00
June	20, " W. H. Seibert, by Rupp.....	100 00
Sept.	20, " Rev. J. J. Pennepacker.....	150 00
"	22, " W. D. Gross, Treas.....	225 00
"	30, " J. A. Hoffheins.....	38 79

Total amount Disbursed..... \$1,512 73

Oct.	1, Balance in Treasury.....	123 24
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\$1,635 97

DR.

Total amount Received by Treasurer..... 1,635 97

CR.

Total amount paid out by the Treasurer..... \$1,512 73
 Balance in the Treasury..... 123 24
 ----- 1,635 97

Amount paid out since the above was made :

Oct. 1, Rev. L. Cort..... \$56 25
 " " " 56 25
 ----- 112 50
 Additional amount received..... 229 50
 " " paid out..... 112 50

Balance on this account..... 117 00
 Oct. 1, Balance brought down..... 123 24

Remitted by Clerk to W. H. Seibert.....\$240 24
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To the President and Brethren of Pittsburgh Synod :

I, herewith, respectfully submit my report to you as Treasurer for the past Synodical year; and also respectfully, herewith, hand you my resignation as Treasurer, as the complicated manner in which the accounts are kept, makes it burdensome and unpleasant to attend to it. I regret my inability to be with you at this meeting, as business calls me East.

Yours in Christ,

Oct. 9th, 1875.

W. E. SCHMERTZ.

The *Committee on Finance*, to whom the above report was referred, made their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance would report, that they have audited the Treasurer's Report, and found it correct.

They would also report that by action of Synod, the following amounts will be required for the coming year; \$2,500 for Missions, \$1,400 for Beneficiary Education, and \$400 for the expenses of the District and General Synods, making a total of \$4,300. This amount we would apportion as follows: Westmoreland Classis, \$1,100; Clarion, \$1,000; St. Paul, \$800; Somerset, \$700; Allegheny, \$700.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TITZEL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
H. F. KEENER,		
GEO. B. RUSSELL,		
T. J. CRAIG,		
JOSEPH HILL,		

ARTICLE XIX.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

• The Committee on Nominations offered their report, which was

amended and adopted, and the Committee ordered to have eighty copies printed for the use of Synod. The Committee afterwards reported the matter attended to, at a cost of \$1.50, which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

The Election was entered upon, and resulted as follows:

Board of Trustees of Synod—Elder Geo. Fritz.

Board of Publication—Regular Term, Rev. T. F. Stauffer. Vacancy of *four years*, occasioned by the resignation of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins—Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus. Vacancy of *two years*, occasioned by the resignation of Rev. F. K. Levan—Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Board of Directors of the Orphan Home—For *four years*, Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. W. Alspach—J. Hannabery, E. H. Dieffenbacher. For *two years*, vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. A. Dole—Elder C. M. Bousch. For *one year*, vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher—Rev. J. W. Love.

Board of Beneficiary Education—Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

Board of Missions—Revs. F. Pilgram, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and J. I. Swander.

BOARDS.

The different Boards are now constituted as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

For *five years*, Geo. Fritz; *four years*, H. L. Bear; *three years*, John Truxel; *two years*, G. B. Russell, D. D.; *one year*, J. I. Swander.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

For *five years*, T. F. Stauffer; *four years*, J. W. Ebbinghaus; *three years*, T. J. Craig; *two years*, C. M. Bousch; *one year*, W. E. Schmertz.

DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL ORPHAN HOME.

Four years, T. J. Barkley, J. W. Alspach, J. Hannabery, E. H. Dieffenbacher; *three years*, W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, jr., Jos. Cort, T. F. Stauffer; *two years*, C. Siebert, C. M. Bousch, D. S. Dieffenbacher, T. J. Craig; *one year*, W. H. Brill, J. F. Snyder, D. D. Leberman, and J. W. Love.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LITERARY INSTITUTION.

Three years, A. E. Truxal, D. B. Lady, T. J. Craig; *two years*, J. I. Swander, T. J. Barkley, J. M. Titzel; *one year*, W. E. Schmertz, W. R. Barnhart, J. W. Love.

BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Five years, G. B. Russell; *four years*, Jacob Hershey; *three years*, J. W. Love; *two years*, C. R. Dieffenbacher; *one year*, L. Cort.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The number on this Board was changed from *four* to *five*, and afterwards another one added. As Synod failed to define the term of office of each, the three elected at this Synod are put down for four years.

Four years, F. Pilgram, D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. I. Swander; *three years*, D. B. Lady; *two years*, G. B. Russell; *one year*, Rev. W. Rupp.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

T. J. Craig, W. J. Baer, and W. E. Schmertz.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

J. M. Titzel, and Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

S. S. BOARD.

C. U. Heilman, T. F. Stauffer, D. S. Dieffenbacher, D. D. Leberman, and J. W. Love.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Rule.

Resolved, That whenever Synod meets in Convention, it requires all the ministers serving charges within its bounds, to attend its annual meetings, or send a satisfactory excuse for non-attendance.

Synodical Boundary.

The special Committee, to whom the overture from the Joint Committee of the Synods of the United States and the Potomac on Boundary Lines, was referred—reported the following, which was adopted:

The paper referred to us as the report of the joint Committee of the Synod of the United States and the Synod of the Potomac defines the boundary lines of those two bodies; and also fixes the eastern and southern lines of this Synod where its territory joins theirs.

We recommend that the Pittsburgh Synod concur in their action fixing the boundary as designated. And, as our western borders are limited by our relations to the Ohio Synod, it is easy to determine our own territory.

The ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Pittsburgh Synod will extend henceforth over Western New York, West Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The dividing line between this Synod and the two eastern Synods according to the report of their joint committees, begins at a point on Lake Ontario and extending southward by the eastern lines of the counties of Wayne, Seneca, Schuyler and Chemung to the Pennsylvania State line, and thence by the western lines of the counties of Tioga, Clinton, Centre, Blair and Bedford, to the Maryland State line; and including the counties of Allegheny and Garret, of the last named State; and embracing all of West Virginia, except the counties of Berkley, Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton. The dividing line between this Synod and the Synod of Ohio is the State line between Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Ohio and West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
A. E. TRUXAL,
W. G. KING,

} Committee.

Formation of "The German Classis of West Pennsylvania."

Under item 5, of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That this Synod sanction and confirm the preliminary action of the Allegheny Classis in the proposed formation of a German Classis.

Resolved, That the new Classis be organized and known by the name of "THE GERMAN CLASSIS OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA," and that it be composed of the exclusively German pastors and their charges now belonging to the Allegheny Classis, and such others in West Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as under the constitution and acts of the General Synod may hereafter be joined therewith.

Resolved, That the territorial limits of the German Classis of West Pennsylvania shall embrace the exclusively German pastors and charges of Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Resolved, That the above designated ministers, viz.: Revs. J. W. Ebbinghaus, C. Borchers, C. A. Limberg, I. C. Mueller, E. L. Mueller, P. Kern, G. B. Masalsky, and the delegated elders from their respective charges, shall convene for organization in the St. Paul Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday, December 6th, 1875, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that Rev. C. A. Limberg shall preach the opening sermon, and preside during the organization of the Classis.

Resolved, That the said Classis, when so organized, be and is hereby dismissed to the Eastern German Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Revs. J. J. Pennepacker and F. Pilgram were appointed to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod for Sexton duties. They made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee appointed to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod for the benefit of the Sexton, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and collected \$14.25, and paid the same to the lady acting as Sexton.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. PENNEPACKER, } Committee.
F. PILGRAM,

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks.

Resolved, That the hearty Thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the families of the Reformed Church at Kittanning, and all others who have so kindly entertained us, and that the pastor be re-

quested to read this resolution from the pulpit, and have it published in the town papers.

Resolved, That our Thanks are hereby tendered to the authorities of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, for allowing reduced fare over their road; and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate this action to the proper persons.

Rev. S. Shaw was excused for non-attendance.

The roll was called, and no member present during any of the sessions, was found absent without excuse.

The Minutes were read and approved at the opening of every morning session, and for Monday's day and evening sessions, before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod resolved to meet in convention next year, and hence will be composed of all the ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge within its bounds.

THE REFORMED CHURCH, Somerset, Somerset Co., Pa., was chosen as the place, and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1876, at 7 o'clock, P. M., as the time, for the next annual meeting of Synod.

Adjourned with divine service, to meet at the above place and time.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President.

H. F. KEENER,
Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

H. F. KEENER,
Stated Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirma-tions.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent Contribut'g.	Local Objecta.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.,	4	First, Greensburg,	650	650	130	72	2	575		12	34	4	350	\$450 00	\$200 00	\$1200 00	2	Greensburg, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
J. F. Snyder,	2	Emmanuel,	245	244	19	2	8	225	1	2	9	2	178	190 00	500 00	740 00		do
J. L. Swander,	3	Latrobe,	309	290	34	31	19	302		8	5	3	185	210 00	700 00	800 00	1	do
J. W. Love,	2	Second, Greensburg,	223	219	23	5	9	196		6	8	2	175	275 00	350 00	1000 00		do
D. B. Lady,	4	Mt. Pleasant,	257	250	15	18	5	257		5	4	2	125	225 00	700 00	900 00		do
J. M. Titzel,	1	Irwin,	156	144	16	3	17	151		10	4	1	80	200 00	50 00	950 00	1	do
S. Shaw,	2	Salem,	260	179	21	34	8	250		3	7	2	140	140 79	482 70	760 00	1	do
J. McConnell,	2	St. James,	159	140	12	10	3	104		3	2	2	145			650 00		do
L. B. Leasure,		Supply, †																do
L. Cort,		Prim. Greensburg F.S.																do
H. Bair,*	1	Pine Run,	62	78	4	1		52			1	1	57	29 81		650 00	1	do
W. C. Shulenberger,*	1	Scott Dale,	27	43	2		3	24			2	1	60			700 00		do
																		do
Total, 12.	22		2348	2237	276	176	74	2136	1	149	76	20	1495	\$1710 60	\$2982 70	\$8350 00	6	

* Revs. Bair and Shulenberger have not yet been received or installed. † Supplying Emlenton, Clarion Classis.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirma-tions.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. Scholars.	Benevolent's.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. Wise,	2	Plumb Creek,	94	130	15	4	4	85			2	75	\$31 02		\$275 00		South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
W. C. Hout,	3	Tylersburg,	100	89	9	2	2	84		9	2	47	25 00		300 00		Lineville, Clarion
J. F. Wiant,	2	South Bend,	211	186	19	9	4	199	6	4	2	185	235 60	60 00	650 00		Elderton, Armstrong
H. Hoffman,	5	Red Bank,	204	150	23	27	8	160		9	3	120	185 71	800 00	850 00		Shanondale, Clarion
C. F. Hoffmeier,	4	Luthersburg,	275	237	37	7		187		16			84 60		650 00		Luthersburg, Clearfield
D. S. Diefenbacher,	2	Kittanning,	227	193	28	22	30	204	7	4	2	140	153 26		500 00		Kittanning, Armstrong
D. W. Wolf,	2	St. Petersburg,	200	175	21	10	15	150		11	2	125	325 00	150 00	1225 00		St. Petersburg, Clarion
J. Dotterer,	3	Curllsville,	227	284	14	18	15	217		3	3	186	173 00	500 00	700 00		Curllsville, do
Jas. Grant,	4	St. John's,	176	178	21	1	14	175	21	8	2	50	95 52	117 50	500 00		Goheenville, Armstrong
J. J. Pennepacker,	2	Rimersburg,	60		2		3	50		1	1	60	11 18		300 00		Rimersburg, Clarion
Vacant,	2	Beaver,	250	200				225			2	100					
H. W. Hoffmeier,		Without charge,															
L. Crist,		do do															
Total	31		2030	1822	193	100	80	1736	37	65	21	1088	\$1219 92	\$1627 50	\$5950 00		

Total 12.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregati's.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirma-tions.	Certificates.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent's	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Pa.
D. D. Leberman,	2	Meadville,	180	85	24		6	170			22	2	130	\$175 00	\$300 00	\$700 00		Meadville,	Pa.
C. R. Diefenbacher,	3	Greenville,	230	195	22	5	12	195		5	3	2	155	150 83		1000 00		Greenville,	do
F. P. Hartmetz,	2	Sharon,	256	192	35	83		154			13	1	72	20 00	3500 00	950 00		Sharon,	do
E. H. Diefenbacher,	2	Mercer Mission,	89	60	10	2	6	80		2	2	2	90	83 72				Balm, Mercer Co.,	do
Vacant,	2	St. Paul's,			21		2	36			3							Titusville, Crawford Co.,	do
Jos. H. Apple,	2	Saegertown,	160	115	7	21	2	150			12	2	75		300 00	775 00	2	Saegertown,	do
F. Pilgram,	4	Shenango,	450	283	27	19	2	300		3	18	4	350	364 02	140 00	900 09		Greenville, Mercer Co.,	do
Josiah May,	4	Zion's,	146	158	28	1	1	125			5	2	150	85 00		800 00		Cochranon, Crawford Co.,	do
Total, 7.	21		1511	1088	174	84	29	1210		10	78	15	1022	\$878 57	\$4240 00	\$5125 00	2		

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. Scholars.	Benevolent's.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Benjamin Knepper,	3 Wellersburgh,	127	100	27	6		97		1	6	3	75	\$34 00		\$700 00	1	Wellersburgh,	Pa.
William Rupp,	1 Berlin,	208	132	15	8	3	177		10	7	1	100	229 43	\$40 00			Berlin, Somerset Co.,	do
H. F. Keener,	4 Zion,	239	125	10	6	2	200		1	2	1	50	119 80	37 00	800 00		do do do	do
John Ruhl,	1 Frostburgh,	190	175	18	14	5	190	15	12		1	150	60 00	545 00	1000 00		Frostburgh,	Md.
A. E. Truxal,	5 Somerset,	245	130	14	11	4	220		1	8	2	100	228 80		800 00		Somerset,	Pa.
L. D. Steckel,	3 Meyersdale,	335	218	18	27	16	304	13	13	4	3	155	112 78	1563 97	700 00		Meyersdale,	do
F. R. Schwedes,	1 Cumberland,	136	80	14	9	26	136			2	1	100	12 00	335 00	800 00		Cumberland,	Md.
C. U. Heilman,	4 Paradise,	310	218	66	76	34	275		5	2	5	200	153 70	210 00	800 00	1	Elk Lick, Somerset Co.,	Pa.
Vacant,	5 Beam,	376	131	37	12	1	341		1	9	3	150	198 70	30 00	700 00		Sipesville, do	do
do	2																	
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Total, 8.	31	2166	1304	219	169	91	1940	15	44	40	20	1080	\$1149 21	\$2780 97	\$6300 00	2		

* Supplied by the pastor of Beam charge. † Supplied by the pastor of Zion charge. ‡ Supplied by the pastor of Meyersdale charge.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Beneficent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
T. J. Barkley,	Grace Church,	136	80	9			6	125		2	1	75	\$1050 00	\$567 74	\$1500 00	1	Allegheny City,
T. F. Stauffer,	Trinity,	74	62	6			4	62	6	1	1	85	32 10	350 00	700 00	1	Wilkinsburg,
G. B. Masalsky,	Independent,												15 00				Melrose,
J. A. Hothelma,	1st Ch., Allegheny.	56	35	5			2	46		3	1	50	54 45	200 00	1000 00		Allegheny City,
F. A. Edmonds,	Harmony,	241	119	21			19	198	1	6	1	232	516 00		600 00	1	Harmony, Butler Co.,
J. B. Thompson,	Orphan Home,												18 25				Butler,
J. W. Ebbingshaus,	St Paul, Pittsburgh,	73	65	24			5	70		1	1	75	14 00	125 00	600 00		Bennet, Allegheny Co.,
G. B. Russell, D. D.,	Zion,	26	20	3			1	28		1	1	35	35 00	425 00	200 00		East End, Pittsburgh,
I. O. Mueller,	Independent,														800 00		Wheeling, Randolph Co.,
A. Kern,	Helvetia, W. Va.,	48	30	26			9	40		8	1	55	16 51	25 00	141 00		Helvetia, Randolph Co.,
C. A. Limberg,	Brady's Bend,	48	65	11			6	48	4	3	1	35			150 00		Butler,
C. Borchers,	St. James,	65	57	17			2	35		1	1	28			650 00		East End, Pittsburgh,
P. F. Shuelke,	St. Luke,	26	81	2			4	26		1	1	30			500 00		Bennet, Allegheny Co.,
J. W. Alspach,	Sugar Creek, W. Va.	275	959	29			23	212	27	7	2	110	189 63	20 80	800 00		Barnhart's Mills, Butler Co.,
J. E. L. Mueller,	St. Paul, W. Va.	40	80	5			6		4	1	2	20			800 00		Triadelphia, W. Va.
J. Hannaberry,	Fairview,	110	126	11			1	100		2	1	35	110 29	791 10	800 00		Baldwin, Butler Co.,
Vacant,	Butler, Sandy Creek,	167	118	20			34	136		4	4	121	54 09				Butler,
do		70	40					80									Sandy Creek, Allegheny Co.,
Total, 16.		1455	1187	188	124	74	1186	439	4218	956	32	\$2504	64	\$9141	00	3	

Statistical Summary for 1875. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Minist.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excommuni- cated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributi- a.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.
Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset, Allegheny,	12 12 7 8 16	22 31 21 31 19	2348 2030 1511 2166 1455	2237 1822 1088 1304 1187	276 193 174 219 188	176 100 84 169 154	74 80 29 91 74	2136 1736 1210 1940 1186	1 37 10 15 4	49 37 10 44 39	76 65 78 40 42	20 21 15 20 18	1492 1088 1022 1080 956	1710 1219 878 1149 2105	\$2982 70 1627 50 4240 00 2760 97 2504 64	\$8350 00 5950 00 5125 00 6300 00 9141 00	6 2 2 3
Total, Classes	55	124	9510	7638	1050	683	348	8208	20	179	301	94	5640	7063 62	14115 81	34866 00	13
Synod of U. S., Classes	8	419	63655	35181	5467	3874	946	48982	27	575	2072	484	29876	36774 10	216473 54		50
Synod of Ohio, "	13	341	23345	11976	2095	1514	843	18891	240	294	572	246	17289	10419 27	18301 00		16
Synod of Northwest, Classes	8	176	14011	11111	1594	1113	686	11577	115	324	426	140	5614	8907 94			5
Synod of Potomac, "	6	247	25217	16397	1896	1226	352	21821	3	243	627	208	12854	12833 16			37
German Synod of the East, Classes	4	31	7114	4916	1458	543	588	5868	4	95	510	34	5080	9706 00	28479 00		2
Synods 6, Classes	44	1338	142,852	87,219	13,569	8,953	3,763	115,347	409	1,710	4,505	1,206	76,353	\$79,714 09	\$277,369 35		123

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES assembled in Convention in the Reformed Church, Irwin, Pa., October 12th, A. D., 1876, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until the following Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the late fire at Somerset, the President, by request, issued a proclamation changing the place of meeting from Somerset to Irwin, Pa. The sessions were opened with divine services, in connection with which Rev. C. R. DIFFENBACHER, the retiring President, preached a sermon from Acts 10, 38: "*Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. I. Swander,¹ J. W. Love, D. B. Lady, J. M. Titzel, J. McConnell, L. B. Leasure,³ L. Cort,⁴ H. Bair, and Licentiate J. W. Knappenberger.

Elders.—J. W. Kuhns,² Dr. T. H. Brinker,¹ W. R. Barnhart, S. C. Remberg, Absalom Klingensmith, I. J. Wireback,² Wm. Martz,¹ John Gumbert,² John Hugus.⁵

CLARION CLASSIS.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, H. Hoffman,⁶ D. S. Diffenbacher, J. Dotterer, James Grant, J. J. Pennepacker, A. K. Kline, J. B. Thompson.⁷

Elders.—Peter Schreckenghost, Jno. S. Stahlman, Jos. M. Schreckenghost, George Walters, James Fulmer, John Lorah.⁶

1 Excused from attendance after Monday.

2 Excused after Saturday.

3 Took his seat on Saturday P. M., remaining only part of two sessions.

4 Had leave of absence from Saturday's business sessions.

5 Took his seat on Friday morning.

6 Took his seat on Saturday morning.

7 Took his seat on Saturday P. M.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.—Revs. C. R. Diffenbacher, F. P. Hartmetz,⁷ Jos. H. Appel, F. Pilgram,⁷ Josiah May.

Elders.—Samuel Flaugh, Levi Moyer.⁷

SOMERSET CLASSIS.—Revs. H. F. Keener, C. U. Heilman, J. Ruhl.⁶

Elders.—Adam C. Lepley,⁸ Josiah Long.⁸

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer,⁹ F. A. Edmonds, G. B. Russell,¹¹ D. D., J. W. Alspach, J. Hannaberry,¹¹ W. F. Lichliter, H. D. Darbaker, C. Knepper.¹²

Elders.—T. J. Craig,¹³ Wm. Ellenberger,¹¹ D. L. Kameron, Jacob Reed. G. F. Rahauser.¹¹

ADVISORY MEMBERS.—Revs. C. Cort, Geo. Weber, and F. C. Bauman, of Iowa Classis.

VISITORS.—Revs. McElree of the U. P. Church, Smith of the M. E. Church, Brown of the Presbyterian Church, and Christy of the Lutheran Church, were present during some of the sessions.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. J. W. LOVE was elected *President*.

REV. J. DOTTERER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

ELDER T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer*.

REV. H. F. KEENER is *Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules adopted last year by the Synod were read by the Clerk.

The *Bar of the House* was defined as extending to the sixth pew from the front of the pulpit.

Synod adopted the following *Session Hours*: From 9 to 11 1-2 o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M. A session was also held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. J. M. Titzel, T. J. Barkley, F. P. Hartmetz, and Elders S. C. Remsberg and Josiah Long.

⁶ Took his seat on Saturday morning.

⁷ Excused from noon on Tuesday. Elder Moyer took his seat on Saturday morning.

⁸ Excused after Monday.

⁹ Excused from further attendance on Saturday A. M.

¹¹ Took his seat on Friday morning.

¹² Took his seat on Monday morning, and was excused from attendance after the A. M. session.

¹³ Appeared on Friday morning and was succeeded by his secundus, Jacob Reed, on Saturday morning.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, H. F. Keener, J. McConnell, and Elders Dr. T. H. Brinker and J. W. Kuhns.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, T. F. Stauffer, J. Hannaberry, and Elders I. J. Wireback and Absalom Klingensmith.

Overtures.—Revs. Jos. H. Appel, F. Pilgram, D. B. Lady, and Elders W. R. Barnhart and James Fulmer.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs G. B. Russell, D.D., James Grant, J. Ruhl, and Elders T. J. Craig and Wm. Ellenberger.

State of the Church.—Revs. C. R. Diefenbacher, W. F. Lichliter, H. D. Darbaker, and Elders Wm. Martz and I. J. Wireback.

Missions. Home and Foreign.—Revs. C. U. Heilman, C. R. Diefenbacher, J. Dotterer, and Elders Jos. M. Schreckenghost and J. W. Kuhns.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, J. Dotterer, A. K. Kline, and Elders Peter Schreckenghost and Jno. Gumbert.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. F. Pilgram, H. F. Keener, J. J. Penne-
packer, and Elders Jno. S. Stahlman and S. C. Remsberg.

Education.—Revs. J. I. Swander, H. Bair, D. S. Diefenbacher, and Elders George Walters and Jacob Reed.

Publication.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Wiant, J. May, and Elders A. C. Lepley and Wm. Martz.

Finance.—Revs. D. S. Diefenbacher, Jas. Grant, F. A. Edmonds, and Elders W. R. Barnhart and T. H. Brinker.

Nominations.—Revs. D. B. Lady, C. R. Diefenbacher, C. U. Heilman, and Elders Jos. M. Schreckenghost and James Fulmer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset, and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes. The Reports on the State of the Church and Statistics were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2. The Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

3. The Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home was received and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Visitors, Trustees and Treasurer of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Reports of the Principal and Board of Trustees of Greensburg Female Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

6. The Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

7. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report of the Tri-Synodic Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication ; also, the Report of the Committee appointed to attend the meeting of the Synod of the U. S. at Lancaster to perfect the Tri-Synodic arrangement.

8. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

The following is the Report of the Committee on the subject as received and adopted :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following :
Reformed Church.

Friday Evening.—Altar Service, Revs. J. Hannaberry and F. A. Edmonds ; Sermon, Rev. D. B. Lady.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Preparatory Service. Altar Service, Revs. F. Pilgram and H. F. Keener ; Sermon, Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Sunday.—From 9 to 10 A. M., a Prayer Meeting, conducted by the President of Synod.

Communion, 10 1-2 A. M.—Altar Service, Revs. Love and Dotterer ; Sermon, Rev. Jos. H. Appel.

Sunday, 3 P. M.—*Sunday School Meeting.* Addresses by Revs. D. S. Dittenbacher and C. U. Heilman.

Sunday Evening.—Altar Service, Revs. G. Weber and J. J. Pennepacker ; Sermon, Rev. C. Cort.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday Evening,—Rev. W. F. Lichtliter.

United Presbyterian, " Morning,—Rev. Dr. Russell.

" " " Evening,—Rev. J. I. Swander.

Methodist Church, " Morning,—Rev. J. F. Snyder.

" " " Evening,—Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Lutheran Church, " P. M.,—Rev. A. K. Kline.

Miller's M. E. Church, Sunday Morning,—Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TITZEL,
T. J. BARKLEY,
F. P. HARTMETZ,
S. C. REMSBERG,
JOSIAH LONG.

The Synodical Sunday School Board made the following report, which was adopted and carried out at the time appointed :

Your Sunday S. Board beg leave to offer the following report :

We held one meeting during the year at which it was resolved to offer for your consideration the following items :

Resolved, That *Saturday Evening* be set apart for the consideration of the subject of Sunday Schools.

Resolved, That the following topics be discussed and the discussions opened by the persons named :

1. Are Union Sunday Schools best calculated to advance the interests of the children attending them ?—Rev. J. I. Swander.

2. What relation does the Sunday School sustain to the congregation ?—Rev. D. B. Lady.

3. What are the advantages or disadvantages of the use of the uniform series of Lesson Papers for our Sunday Schools ?—Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D.

4. *Resolved*, That the Speakers opening the discussions be limited to Fifteen Minutes, and all others to Five Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN,

J. W. LOVE,

T. F. STAUFFER,

D. S. DIFFENBACHER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to offer the following report :

Item 1, p. 10. Is the request of this Synod to the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions to report in detail the amounts paid to the Missionaries, and instructs the Corresponding Secretary to inform the Board of this action.

Item 2, p. 11. Instructs the Cor. Sect. to communicate certain information to the Superintendent of Missions.

Item 3, p. 24. Synod urges the Classes to pay their apportionments for Missionary purposes in quarterly payments.

Item 4, p. 24. Synod expresses its desire that the management of the Board of Missions be subordinate, in all its operations, to the General Synod's Board.

Item 5, p. 25. Synod urges the Classes to pay up immediately their arrearages on the apportionments to Missions.

Item 6, p. 29. Synod instructs the Stated Clerk to incorporate the Report of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer in the Minutes.

Item 7, p. 33. Synod directs that the Roll of the several Classes be called at their next annual meetings to ascertain whether the duty of taking collections for St. Paul Orphan Home on or before the 1st of March, 1876, has been attended to.

Item 8, p. 36. Synod requests the several Classes to co-operate heartily in the work of Beneficiary Education through Synod's Board, and directs them to transfer the bonds given by their Students, to the Synodical Board.

Item 9, p. 39. Synod expresses its willingness to enter into the plan proposed by the Board of Publication of the Synod of the United States, provided the details can be satisfactorily arranged, and appointed a Committee with plenary power to attend the Synod at Lancaster, with Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D., as Chairman.

Item 10, p. 39. Instructs the Stated Clerk to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes published and distribute them as last year.

Item 11, p. 44. Dismisses the German Classis of West Pennsylvania, when organized, to the Eastern German Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
H. F. KEENER,
J. MCCONNELL,
T. H. BRINKER,
J. W. KUHN.

This Report was considered item by item, with the following result :

Item 1 was tabled until the Superintendent of Missions report, after which it was adopted. Items 2, 4, 5 and 11, adopted.

Item 3. Synod ordered the record to be made, "*Not attended to*," and reiterated the request to Classes to pay their apportionments for Missionary purposes quarterly.

Items 6, 7, 8 and 10, attended to. Item 9, the Chairman of the Committee reported. The Report was referred to the Committee on Publication. For report and further action see Art. XVII, Publication.

Rev. Dr. Russell also submitted a presentment claiming indemnity for losses sustained in the merging of the *Era* and *Messenger*. This was referred to a Special Committee, and this Committee instructed to report by Monday afternoon immediately after the opening of Synod. This whole subject was made the *Order of the Day* for Monday, immediately after the opening of the Afternoon Session. For action see Art. XVII, report of Special Committee on Dr. Russell's claim to indemnity.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully offer the following report :

Requests.

Item 1. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to grant the Pastor of Trinity-

Mission, Wilkinsburg, Pa., permission to canvass its bounds to collect \$1,000 to aid the Mission in paying its debt.

Subjects Referred.

Item 2. All the classes adopted the requests of Synod.

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 3. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. H. Bair from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger from Virginia Classis. Dismissed, Rev. S. Shaw to Tiffin Classis, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger to Clarion Classis, and examined and licensed the Theological Student, J. W. Knappenberger.

Item 4. Clarion Classis received Rev. J. Wolbach from East Susquehanna Classis, and examined, licensed and ordained the Theological Student, A. K. Kline.

Item 5. Somerset Classis received Rev. W. H. Bates from Tohickon Classis.

Item 6. Allegheny Classis received Rev. Charles Knepper from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, Rev. H. D. Darbaker from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. C. Scheel from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. W. F. Lichliter from Philadelphia Classis. Dismissed, Rev. J. B. Thompson to Clarion Classis, Rev. C. Scheel to the German Classis of West Pennsylvania, Rev. Paul Schulke to Indiana Classis, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins to Virginia Classis, and examined and licensed the Student, John M. Schick, and dismissed him to Mercersburg Classis.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

Item 7. Westmoreland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, Pa., on Friday preceding Trinity Sunday, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. M. Titzel, President; Rev. J. F. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

Item 8. Clarion Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Curtsville, Clarion county, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. J. Pennepacker, President; Rev. D. S. Dittenbacher, Stated Clerk.

Item 9. St. Paul Classis will meet in the Church of the Cross, Balm, Mercer county, Pa., on Thursday, May 24th, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. Rev. Jos. H. Appel, President; Rev. D. D. Leberman, Stated Clerk.

Item 10. Somerset Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Salisbury, Somerset county, Pa., on Thursday after Whit-Sunday, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. Rev. L. D. Steckel, President; Rev. H. F. Keener, Stated Clerk.

Item 11. Allegheny Classis will meet in St. Paul Church, Sugar Creek,

Armstrong county Pa., May 23d, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. Rev. F. A. Edmonds, President ; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER,
T. F. STAUFFER,
J. HANNABERRY,
I. J. WIREBACK,
ABSALOM KLINGENSMITH.

This Report was considered by items with the following result :

Item 1. Adopted and the request granted.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee on Overtures respectfully submit the following report :

Item 1. Request from Rev. D. D. Leberman to be excused for absence from Synod, accompanied with an invitation to Synod to hold its next annual meeting in Meadville, Pa.

Item 2. Request from Rev. L. D. Steckel, asking to be excused for absence from Synod.

Item 3. Similar request from Rev. E. H. Diffenbacher.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. F. R. Schwedes in reference to a note of one thousand dollars held against the Cumberland Church property.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. APPEL,
F. PILGRAM,
J. HANNABERRY,
W. R. BARNHART,
JAMES FULMER.

The report was considered by items with the following result :

Item 1. Rev. D. D. Leberman was excused.

Item 2. Rev. L. D. Steckel was excused.

Item 3. Rev. E. H. Diffenbacher was excused.

Item 4. Was referred to a Special Committee. This Committee subsequently reported. Their report was adopted and is as follows : Your Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. F. R. Schwedes, Pastor of Cumberland Mission, asking Synod to assume and apportion the sum of \$1,000, which he claims is a debt of the Synod, beg leave to report the following : Inasmuch as the Synod has already liberally assisted the Cumberland Mission in paying its Church debt and has never made itself responsible for the amount of this note, and in view of more important claims upon

our Treasury from other quarters, we cannot promise any assistance. Therefore, we urge the *members of the Mission* to a more active liberality toward the liquidation of the debt. And would further suggest in consequence of the stringency of money matters, that the consistory should consider the propriety of funding the debt for the time being.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. A. EDMONDS,
C. U. HEILMAN,
JOHN HUGUS.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following is the Report of the Committee as adopted :

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report that nothing came to their attention demanding the action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL,
JAS. GRANT,
J. RUHL,
T. J. CRAIG,
WM. ELLENBERGER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Report of the Committee as received and adopted.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen,
Reverend Fathers and Brethren, Beloved in the Lord:

It becomes us, first of all, that in view of our manifold transgressions and shortcomings we should humble ourselves before Almighty God. Yet the Lord has been gracious unto us; His mercies have been daily manifested. and we this day rejoice in His goodness.

From the reports from the different Classes placed in our hands, we gather nothing essentially different from what has been contained in former reports. The battle still rages and the contest goes on; unbelief in various forms presents itself; the wickedness of the world confronts us, and sin in all its hideousness lifts up its head. We have not ceased to lift up our voices and cry aloud; there has been no yielding—no, not for a moment. Worldly wisdom has been met with divine truth; human strength has been confronted by divine grace. Looking upon our foes, and remembering our own weakness, we are often led to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But by faith we have heard the voice of the Spirit teaching us that, "Our sufficiency is of God." Every form of error in practice or in precept has been met with the truth as it is in Christ. Our ministry has been faithful in preaching the Gospel, in reliance upon the promise that the Lord would not

permit it to return unto Him void. He has verified His promise, and His word has accomplished the purpose whereunto it was sent. Our people are become more and more confirmed in the faith, and many willing captives have been brought to Christ.

The Sacraments have been faithfully administered, the lambs of the flock have been nurtured, and the youth instructed in the Catechetical Class and confirmed in the faith. The Ministry of this Synod have undoubtedly been faithful in the work of the Gospel.

We are further compelled to confess that our Churches do not come up to their full measure of duty. They are, it is true, being more and more confirmed in their faith, but are not as active in good works as they ought to be. Our people do not generally support the Ministry in temporal things as is their duty. Very many of our faithful Pastors are much hindered in their work because their temporal necessities are not ministered unto; their salaries are too meagre and scanty, and the little due is not promptly paid. Those who should hold up the hands of the servant of God, by their sinful carelessness and negligence dishearten, hinder and impede him in his work.

Nor have the benevolent objects of the Church received that support which has heretofore been given. As a palliation, it may be said that the stringency of money matters has had much to do with the result; yet no one can deny that our people do not exercise the liberality which they are able to manifest. There is not that consecration of life and property to the service of God that there should be. The vineyard-like character of the Church is, to too great an extent, overlooked. Those in the market place are not only to be *brought in*, but being in, they are to be *laborers*.

It is of great account that our people should be rooted and grounded in the faith, but we should further see to it, that that faith comes to full fruition in *good works*.

It becomes our faithful duty to report the death of our beloved Brother Rev. David W. Wolff. One year ago he met with us, in our annual sessions, showing his accustomed interest in the progress of Christ's Kingdom. But it was the will of the Master to deliver him from the tribulations of earth and give him the crown of life. We mourn his loss, but hail him happy in the skies.

Rev. Frederick Wise has also been bidden to come up higher. After many years of service in the vineyard of his Lord, he has entered into his rest. He was a faithful servant of Christ, walking humbly before his God and serving Him in great physical weakness faithfully unto the end. We mourn these departed Brethren, not as those who have no hope. The remembrance of them is sweet. Let us follow their example in all well-doing, that at death we may be re-united in the Church triumphant.

In conclusion we call your attention to the fact that the statistics appended, show a decrease in every item reported, except in the number of S. S. Scholars. This is to be accounted for by the fact that a number of our

Ministers with their congregations were dismissed during the past year, to unite with the Eastern German Synod.

And now unto Him who creates and unto Him who redeems and unto Him who sanctifies, be honor and praise given by the Church throughout all ages. Amen,

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIFFENBACHER,
W. F. LICHLITER,
H. D. DARBAKER,
WM. MARTZ,
I. J. WIREBACK.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The articles of agreement between the Three Synods combining to form “an organic union in the work of Missions,” say: “The Superintendent shall present an Annual Report to each of the District Synods.” In accordance with this provision I herewith offer my Official Report for the Synodical year ending October 1st, 1876. And in the first place let me call your attention to our different Missions and their respective condition.

Synod of the United States.

Within the bounds of this Synod the Board has had *Seventeen* Missions under its care during the year.

Catasauqua, Pa. Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor. East Pennsylvania Classis has assumed to pay the one-half of the debt resting on the property of this Mission, which is a step forward in its interest. It is steadily growing in membership. Yet it is felt by both the pastor and the Classis, as well as by myself, that connection with some other congregation must be made, in order to enable it to become self-supporting at an early day. It is hoped this may be done. Appropriation \$700, till July first; since then \$600. German and English.

Allentown, Pa. Salem. Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, pastor. This Mission has been very vigorously pushed forward by its projectors. During the year the present pastor was induced to take charge of it, and that fact at once insured its success. The membership has grown rapidly; a large new church is almost completed, and a wide door is open for future usefulness in the Christian work. From the first the congregation became self-supporting. It deserves praise for the noble, self-reliant stand it has taken. German and English.

Allentown, Pa. Christ Church. Rev. J. Fritzinger, pastor. Organized last July. Began with fifty-seven members and a large Sunday School. Its location in East Allentown is in the midst of a large population, not near any of other churches. So far its progress and prospects are very encouraging. Appropriation from July 1st \$300. German.

Easton, Pa. Grace Church. Rev. D. Y. Heisler, pastor. This has been quite a flourishing Mission from the beginning. It was pushed forward for about one year by the pastors of the place and myself. Last June the present pastor was settled there. He reports favorably. The people are liberal in proportion to their members, a membership of forty paying a salary of \$600. Appropriation \$200. English and German.

Reading, Pa. St. John. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, pastor. Growing rapidly in members and influence. The congregation is building a large church and parsonage. Appropriation, old \$400; new \$300. German and English.

Reading, Pa. Christ Church. Vacant since last November. Its future is uncertain. German.

Shenandoah City. Rev. E. D. Miller, pastor. Doing well, though affected by difficulties peculiar to the coal regions. Scarcity of funds has retarded the completion of the new church. The pastor is in good hopes, however. Appropriation \$200. German and English. •

Philadelphia, Pa. St. John. Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. Has been holding its own as to membership; possibly gained somewhat; and has considerably improved its property. Its field is large, but rather difficult to utilize. The membership is earnest and united. Appropriation, old \$400; new \$300. English.

Philadelphia, Pa. St. Stephen. Rev. A. Romich, pastor. From October to April the appropriation was at the rate of \$200 a year. At that time the congregation passed over into the hands of the German Philadelphia Classis, and at the same time off the Board.

Wyoming, Delaware. St. John. Rev. W. F. Lichleiter, pastor until September 1st; vacant since, though about obtaining a pastor again. Progress has been made during the year. The membership numbers fifty-seven; a goodly gain over last year's Report. The location of this Mission gives it special importance for the future of the Reformed Church in the State of Delaware. Appropriation \$300. English.

Harrisburg, Pa. Second Church. Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. A long step forward has been taken by this congregation. It has purchased a large new church building in an excellent location. By the sale of the old property it expects to meet the cost of the new. The congregation and Sunday School are in good condition. Appropriation \$300. English.

Harrisburg, Pa. Zwingli Church. Rev. M. Noll, pastor. This congregation has been engaged, during the Summer, in furnishing the main audience room of its church. It has just been dedicated. The interest does

not seem to have material at hand to grow fast, but it has nevertheless had a quiet, healthy progress. Appropriation \$225. German.

Columbia, Pa. Rev. Conrad Clever, pastor. I repeat simply what I said a year ago: This Mission is "prosperous." Appropriation, old \$150; new \$100. English.

Hazleton, Pa. Emanuel's. Lately served by Rev. I. E. Graeff. Now vacant. The debt on this interest seems to be the sole obstacle in the way of its becoming self-supporting at once. The matter is in the hands of a Committee of Classis. Appropriation \$100. German and English.

Overton, Pa. Served by Rev. J. H. Schlaeppig until August. Vacant since. At my suggestion a Committee has been appointed by East Susquehanna Classis with power to connect other congregations with this charge and so make it self-sustaining. What can be done is not clear yet. Appropriation \$75. German and English.

Liverpool, Pa. Rev. W. Donat, pastor. By request of the West Susquehanna Classis, the appropriation has been continued for another year from June, 1876, when the field is to be declared self-sustaining. Appropriation \$80. German and English.

Lock Haven, Pa. Church of the Resurrection. Rev. F. F. Christine, pastor. This congregation was served for one year by Rev. J. W. Pontius. In that time much work was done. The communicant membership was increased from twenty to forty-three. A flourishing Sunday School was established, and full forty of its children are baptized members of the church. Ill health led the pastor to resign in June. Since July 1st the congregation has been in charge of Rev. F. F. Christine, who was lately ordained and installed by the Classis. He reports favorably. Appropriation, old \$500; since July \$400. English.

Pittsburgh Synod.

Within the bounds of this Synod the Board has had *twelve* Missions, for the whole, or part of the year under its care.

Kittanning, Pa. Rev. D. S. Dittenbacher, pastor. Has continued as before, prosperous. Presumably will be self-supporting within the coming year. Appropriation, old \$225; new \$165. English.

Titusville, Pa. The fortunes of this congregation have been various; so much so as to make it difficult for the Board to know what to do in its case. For some time past it has been supplied under the supervision of a Committee of St. Paul Classis. The Executive Council has passed a resolution authorizing the said Classis to pay the Supply, Rev. C. A. Limberg, at the rate of \$150 per year, and deduct the same from its apportionment for Missions. With better times in the oil regions it is hoped this Mission will become permanently established, and save for itself its beautiful and valuable property. German.

Meadville, Pa. Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. Prosperous. Became

self-supporting in the Spring. Former appropriation \$150. German and English.

Cumberland, Md. Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This interest has come to a healthy and steady growth. The pastor serves also in connection with it a congregation established by himself at Keyser City. It has cost much labor and means to bring the Reformed Church to a solid basis in Cumberland, but our perseverance is beginning to bring its reward. Our people there propose to purchase a suitable burying ground, a matter of special importance, as experience shows, to a German congregation. Appropriation, old, \$400; new \$350. German.

Scottdale, Pa. Until September under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. B. Schulenberger. Vacant since, but expecting to have the services of a pastor shortly again, in the person of S. Z. Beam, of Michigan. Has 51 members; 100 Sunday School Scholars. Has as yet more debt on its property than is desirable. This interest has been growing from the start. Appropriation \$300 since September; since \$250. English.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Growing, though slowly, during the year. Much affected by the hard times. It has much in its favor for the future. Confirmed members 70; unconfirmed 62; Sunday School Scholars 85; appropriation \$300; new \$250. English.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Zion. Rev. H. D. Darbaker, pastor. This brother became the successor of Rev. Dr. Russell last January. He has labored with reasonable success thus far. The membership is 34; but has zeal, a good and well-located property, and no heavy debt. Appropriation, old \$400; new \$300. English.

I may here remark that the movement, spoken of last year, to unite Trinity and Zion Churches under one pastor was not found feasible. Unforeseen difficulties obstructed the effort.

Pittsburgh, Pa. St. Paul. Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. The report from this congregation speaks of progress upon the whole. The membership has grown. Its financial affairs are, however, not all that could be desired. Appropriation \$220. German.

Pittsburgh, Pa. St. James'. Rev. C. Boerchers, pastor. This congregation has improved very much in Christian life and spirit. Its membership has risen to 89 confirmed, and 58 unconfirmed. Appropriation \$200. German.

Pittsburgh, Pa. St. Luke. Vacant, but supplied during the year by Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, of St. Paul Church. German.

Triadelphia, W. Va. Rev. Louis Mueller, pastor. Owing to the organization of a congregation in Wheeling, last autumn, by its pastor, there has not been any appropriation extended since 1875. Brother Mueller has done a good work especially in Wheeling. German.

Helvetia, W. Va. Formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. A. Kern. Supported by agreement, during the past year, by the St. John Classis, Ohio.

Synod, from the bounds of which many of the members had come. German.

The congregations of the last five Missions, St. Paul, St. James, and St. Luke, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Triadelphia and Helvetia, W. Va., belong now to the German Classis of West Pennsylvania, and hence, by request, are transferred to the Board of Missions of the German Eastern Synod, to whose jurisdiction said Classis now belongs. Our Executive Council has consented to, and authorized this transfer to take effect October 1st, 1876.

Synod of the Potomac.

Within the bounds of this Synod there are *eight* Missions under the care of the Board

Duncannon, Pa. Vacant for a whole year. Since September under the pastoral care of Rev. U. H. Heilman. While vacant the Mission was supplied with service mainly by Students from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The new pastor finds the people active and feels greatly encouraged. Appropriation \$300. English and German.

Winchester, Va. Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. This charge is still making progress. Its most immediate need would seem to be a parsonage. That is of first account in the circumstances to give it an established character. Appropriation, old \$350 ; new \$300. English.

Orbesonia, Pa. Rev. J. Schick, pastor. A Mission along the Eastern branch of the Broad Top Railroad in Huntingdon county. The pastor, who took charge July 1st, 1876, reports it as promising well. It includes several towns. Appropriation \$200. English and German

Chambersburg, Pa. St. John. Rev. Carl Grundloch, pastor. This congregation was for years under the care of the late Rev. Dr. Schneck. It has not much material to hand out of which to grow. Appropriation \$100. German.

Pacific Coast Missions.

San Francisco, Cal. Rev. J. H. Krueger, pastor. I may here repeat my language of last year: "No particular change during the year. Holds fairly its own." San Francisco is a difficult field for church work, requiring ability, skill and patience, along with great devotion on the part of the pastor, if he would succeed. The brother in charge seems to labor hard. Appropriation \$300. German.

Napa, Cal. Rev. F. Fox, pastor. What has been said of San Francisco holds equally true of Napa. Our Missionary there has been a skillful pioneer. He continues to look to the extension of our work in the Golden State. Appropriation \$440. English and German.

Portland, Oregon. Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. This Mission is getting to have a fixed character and a well-understood position in the community. Its greatest want is a chapel of its own, for obtaining which there seems to be a good prospect. The pastor has also visited other places in Oregon with

the view of opening the way for the establishment of other Reformed congregations. Appropriation, old \$600 ; new \$500. German.

Salem, Oregon. Rev J. Muellhaupt, pastor. The Missionary has just begun his work in this place, the capital of the State, and there is nothing very definite, as yet, to report. He also preaches in Albany occasionally, and may visit settlements in the country. He is a wise and persevering Missionary, and is likely to do good service.

Besides these churches, there is one at Stockton, Cal., under the pastoral care of Rev. L. C. Edmonds, which, however, supports its own Minister and is not a Mission. It will thus be seen that the Reformed Church has laid a fair foundation along the Pacific Coast.

Financial.

Our estimated expense for the year was \$9,500. Our actual expense has been \$500 less. The following table will explain the particulars as near as I can get at them :

Cost of Missions in Synod of United States.	\$3,520
“ “ Pittsburgh Synod.	2,210
“ “ Synod of the Potomac.	1,770
Salary of Superintendent,	1,200
Traveling expenses of Superintendent, Members of the Board and Executive Council, and salary of Secretary.	300
Total,	\$9,000

Over against this we have had an income of full *Eleven Thousand Dollars*, as will be seen in the report of the Treasurer, to which I refer the Synods. I think I do not assume too much when I say, at this point, that the church is to be congratulated upon this result. Personally I feel greatly pleased with it, especially when the times and the *divisions* and obstructions within ourselves are considered.

Iowa Missions.

The Church is well acquainted with the history of Missions in Iowa Classis, Ohio Synod. They have looked to the East for support, and have received it to a considerable extent, yet in a way that was likely, at any time, to produce irritation. With the view of relieving this abnormal state of things, I entered, some time ago, into correspondence with Rev. Dr. Williard, President of the Ohio Synod's Board of Missions, suggesting a transfer by said Board of the Missions in Iowa Classis, with their consent, to our Board, and so opening a normal way for help from our Synods. The Ohio Synod's Board took favorable action and passed the following resolution on the subject, which was also approved at our late meeting by our Executive Council :

“Resolved, That this Board gives its consent that any or all of the Missions now in Iowa (the English Iowa Classis) be formally transferred to the

Tri-Synodical Board of Missions, provided said Missionaries or the Iowa Board of Missions make such request; in which case the officers of this Board are authorized to make the official transfer."

Suggestions.

1. To meet the current expenses of the coming year and to pay off the balance of our debt we shall need an apportionment equal to that of last year. To the extent that charges pay up back apportionments, we will be enabled to enlarge our work. The Classes will look after this matter. Last year's apportionment was \$15,000 as suggested, but the Pittsburgh Synod felt able to assume only \$2,500, instead of \$3,200. On this basis I would recommend the following division :

Synod in United States,	\$9,000
Pittsburgh Synod,	2,500
Synod of the Potomac,	3,500
Total,	<hr/> \$15,000

It is to be borne in mind that out of this sum provision will have to be made for work in the Iowa Classis, and that the separate drain upon our congregations for that interest will probably cease by next Spring.

2. The Synods will otherwise learn that the Executive Council at its late meeting passed a resolution by a majority vote, *limiting*, from December 1st, the time and salary of the Superintendent to such an extent as to meet the demands of the office in connection with his duties to a regular charge, should he enter the Pastorate. Personally, I can only view such a step as relieving me from a great burden, borne for three years simply in devotion to a great and good cause, with which my active life has been mainly identified. I have nothing to regret in this direction, and much to rejoice at. And yet I opposed the action of the Council and shall give it no more than a negative assent, unless the Synods make it their own. In that case I shall still have doubts as to its wisdom, but shall give my hearty support to legitimate authority. My objections among others are these: First—The Synods alone have the right to take absolute action in the case: The Superintendency holds from the Synods, which also elected the person filling it; not from the Executive Council or even the Board. If the Executive Council can do this, it can, by logical sequence, change the intent of any other fundamental article of the original agreement between the Synods; which means, again, that a combination of two or three men may modify essentially the most positive compacts. I can be no party to this. Second—My second objection is this: The step proposed is one backward, not forward. It is one likely to be retraced again, one of these days. Time will tell. *Dixi.*

In closing, I repeat the language of my last report: "Special thanks are

due our Missionaries for their steady labors amid severe self-denial. The Lord will reward them."

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN,

Supt. of Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I have the honor to submit the following detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the year ending October 7th, 1876 :

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia,	\$ 264 11
(S. Schools, \$9 74.)	
" Goshenhoppen,	1,114 12
" East Pennsylvania,	812 93
(S. Schools, \$4 81.)	
" Tohickon,	539 57
" Lebanon,	1,495 33
(S. Schools, \$1 50.)	
" Lancaster,	795 37
(S. Schools, \$67 47.)	
" West Susquehanna,	551 19
" East Susquehanna,	418 91
Total from Synod of the U. S., (including Sunday Schools, \$232 02),	————— \$5,991 53

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion,	\$ 745 96
(S. Schools, \$13 39.)	
" Maryland,	977 54
(S. Schools, \$6 18.)	
" Mercersburg,	148 14
(S. Schools, \$30 26.)	
" Virginia,	192 39
Total from Synod of Potomac (including Sunday Schools, \$49 83),	————— \$2,064 03
Amount carried forward,	\$8,055 56

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Allegheny,	\$ 221 25	
“ Clarion,	290 21	
“ Somerset,	365 67	
From Treasurer of Synod,	1,090 24	
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Total from Synod of Pittsburgh,		\$1,967 37
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Total from the three Synods, (S. Schools,		\$10,022 93
Total from Miscellaneous Sources, (including \$38 05 from California Classis),		300 07
Balance due Board at date of last report,		232 86
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Total from all sources,		\$10,555 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during the year amount- ing to,	\$9,645 05	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis,	277 03	\$9,922 08
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Balance due the Board,		\$633 72

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SEIBERT,

Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have audited the account of W. H. Seibert by vouchers and find the same to be correct, with a balance in the Treasury of six hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-two cents.

W. H. H. SNYDER,

*Secretary of Board.**Report of Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions, to whom the above papers were referred, reported the following, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that the following documents have been placed in their hands, viz: The Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board, and that of the Superintendent of Missions. From these we learn that during the last year the Treasurer received the sum of \$10,555.80, nearly \$1,500 more than was actually expended for the current year's Mission work, giving so much toward the meeting of the deficit reported last year.

The Superintendent reports that there were under the care of the Board *forty* Missions—of these *four* have become self-sustaining, and *five* have been transferred to other Boards. A number of Missions are supplied by the Superintendent and other neighboring Ministers, thus saving large appropriations. ¶

There are reasons for congratulations on account of the reduction in the

cost of our Mission work, and because Missions long supported by the Board have been made part of self-sustaining charges.

We recommend the following action, viz :

Resolved, That we hereby direct the Committee on Finance to apportion upon the different Classes, the sum of \$2,500, for the cause of Missions.

Resolved, That the several Classes be directed to devote a session at their next annual meeting to the cause of Missions.

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Missions, in their respective Classes, use all efforts to awaken a Missionary spirit and induce delinquent charges to pay their apportionments promptly.

Respectfully submitted.

C. U. HEILMAN,

C. R. DIFFENBACHER,

J. DOTTERER,

JOS. M. SCHRECKENGHOST,

J. W. KUHNS.

The Synod spent nearly the whole of Monday evening in Committee of the Whole on the subject of Missions. This Committee rose and reported the following, which was adopted : We recommend to Synod the appropriation of \$500 to Iowa Missions, to be paid by Synod's Treasurer through the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S. :

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held two meetings during the current Synodical year. At the first meeting in May the following officers were elected : D. W. Gross, President ; John Heilman, Vice-President ; Edward J. Zahm, Recording Secretary, and J. B. Roth, Treasurer.

From the Treasurer's Report, a Synopsis of which accompanies this paper, full information can be had in regard to the financial condition of the Institution. It is gratifying for us to state that we secured several small sums for the endowment fund, which, although they are small, are still evidences of love for, and interest in, the Institution.

The following amounts are due by the Classes named for interest on the Tutorship Bonds, viz :

Philadelphia Classis to October 1, 1876,	\$407 50
East Pennsylvania Classis, " "	30 00
Mercersburg Classis to July 1876,	60 00
West Susquehanna Classis to July 25, 1876,	67 00

Goshenhoppen Classis to September 20, 1876,	131 95
Total,	\$696 45

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

ED. J. ZAHM, *Recording Secretary.*

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary:

The total receipts for the current year are	\$4,166 30
“ Expenditures for the current year are	5,508 70
Balance due the Treasurer, :	\$1,342 40

As an offset to this there is collectable interest to October 1, 1876, of about \$1,350.

Total amount of Endowment Fund.	\$64,277 42
“ “ Building Fund,	11,480 40
“ “ Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.	1,501 59
“ “ Library Fund,	1,862 50
“ “ Smaltz Fund,	5,000 00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

This report (in detail) was properly audited by Elders Hensel and Wilt and found to be correct.

Attest: EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster respectfully present the following as their annual Report :

During the past year the number of students on the roll of the Seminary was thirty-two, eleven in the Senior, ten in the Middle and eleven in the Junior Class. All have been in attendance with the exception of Nevin H. Fisher, who, after passing through the Junior and Middle Classes, left for Europe about one year ago, where he has since then been pursuing his Theological Studies at the Universities of Germany.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1875, eleven new students were admitted. Their names are as follows: Adam J. Bachman, Henry Edgar Cook, John M. Evans, Benjamin B. Ferer, Frederick B. Hahn, S. Sidney Kohler, J. Heister Leinbach, Samuel M. Roeder, John S. Wagner, Daniel E. Rupley, and W. Henry Xanders. With one exception, they are all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, and about half of them received assistance from the Church during their preparation for the Seminary.

The Senior Class, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination, received the usual Certificate of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure. They are, John Jacob Crist, Moses H. Diefender-

fer, Joseph E. Freeman, G. Dickie Gurley, George P. Hartzel, J. William Knappenberger, A. K. Kline, Thomas N. Reber, George W. Roth, and D. Besore Shuey. Of these, three received the benefit of the special course of study provided for those, who have not received a classical education, and the rest are graduates of the College. All except one are engaged in the active duties of the Ministry, filling up vacancies in its ranks, occasioned by death or other causes. Most of them received the aid of the Church during their preparatory studies.

The past year has been one of peace and prosperity to the Seminary. The students as a body have been faithful and diligent in the prosecution of their studies, and their general Christian conduct in harmony with their profession and position as candidates for the Ministry. There have been fewer absences from the Seminary on the part of the students, and fewer interruptions in the regular course of study than formerly. The health of the Professors has been good, and they have been enabled to attend to their several duties with commendable zeal and with good fruits as the results of their labors. For these indications of the divine favor resting on our school of prophets, we have reasons to be thankful as a Church. But it is plain, that the number of those, who annually leave the Seminary to enter the Ministry, is not what it ought to be. The growing wants of the Church and the necessity for its extension require that this annual supply of new laborers should be increased. Our Missionary fields whitening for the harvest make this necessary, and so also the division of large charges and the supply of destitute places where new congregations might be organized. As a denomination we have succeeded in giving our candidates for the Ministry the necessary literary and theological training. But what is now greatly needed is, that the number as well as the qualifications of our Ministry, should be enlarged. If we once succeed in bringing about that result, a new era of growth and prosperity will, under the divine blessing, dawn upon us. In this respect much remains still to be done. May we feel as a Church that we are called upon anew to work and pray, that the Lord of the Harvest may send more laborers into His harvest !

As the Theological Professors sustain a relation to all of the three Synods represented in the Board, the question has been raised in different directions, whether they should not hold their ecclesiastical connection with different Synods, instead of all belonging to the same Synod and the same Classis as they do now. The Board, after due consideration, have concluded to refer the whole subject to the favorable attention of the several Synods.

The members and officers of the Board are the same as those of the previous year.

All of which is hereby respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would respectfully report that

the only paper coming into their hands is the report of the Board of Visitors. From this we learn, that our School of the prophets has been in a flourishing condition, that peace and harmony prevail, that the health of Professors and Students has been good, and that the attendance and progress of the Students have been commendable.

Whilst these indications of divine favor are noted with gratitude, it is to be regretted that not more of our sons devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry. In this respect our Church has not yet come up to the measure of her knowledge and ability.

The Board of visitors asks the Synods represented in the Board to consider the question, whether it is necessary for al' the Professors to belong to the same Classis and Synod, instead of belonging to different Classes and Synods.

In view of these things, the following resolutions are offered :

Resolved, That renewed efforts on the part of pastors and people be made to secure a larger number of worthy candidates for the Christian Ministry.

Resolved, That this Synod approves of the plan of the Professors holding their ecclesiastical connection with different Classes and Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WIAANT,

J. DOTTERER,

A. K. KLINE,

PETER SCHRECKENGHOST,

JOHN GUMBERT.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH :

Brethren : Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institution would offer as their report the following : Report of the Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary to Board of Trustees : The Institution has been in successful operation during the past year. All the departments of instruction are filled with experienced and well qualified Teachers. In this respect it compares favorably with older Institutions. Classes were organized in all the departments of the Seminary course, and a beginning of the important work of Female Education has been made. The progress of the pupils in the various branches pursued has been commendable. Special attention has also been given to the polite accomplishments and Christian culture of the young ladies. A marked improvement has been made in all respects, in the pupils placed under our care. The Institution has commended itself to the favor of those in whose midst it is located, and the opportunities it affords have been generally appreciated and improved by them. The public examinations of the classes, and the *Musical Entertainments* given by the young ladies, have been very satisfactory and creditable. The *care* and *thoroughness* of the in-

struction, and the discipline and general management of the Institution have been such as to give it character and rank it as a *first-class* Female Seminary. It has been growing in the confidence of its friends, and justly deserves the support and patronage of the friends of Female Education generally. We, therefore, do not hesitate to urge its claims on the grounds of its own merit as an Institution. While it has received a respectable home patronage, its support and patronage from abroad, and especially from the Reformed Church, have not been such as its claims demand. The advantages it affords as a Church School, have been enjoyed by the daughters of the Reformed Church to a very limited extent. This is not as it should be. The Educational work of the Institution cannot be accomplished until those for whom it was designed are placed under its training and influence. While it is intended that the general work of Education shall be promoted, the special design of the Institution is to subserve and promote the Educational interests of the Reformed Church. It is, therefore, hoped that the Pittsburgh Synod, by whose action the Institution was established, will press its claims upon the membership in its bounds in such a way as to enlist their interest and support in its favor. The average attendance of pupils for last year was about *fifty*; of which number *forty* were in the Ornamental Department. This yielded a sufficient income to meet the current expenses of the Institution. The attendance thus far, for the present year, has reached only *thirty-eight* regular pupils. Those taking the Ornamental Branches, are only *twenty-five*. The decrease in the number of pupils is no doubt owing mainly to the pressure of the times, but in some degree, also, to the Centennial excitement, which has kept a number away from School.

With the present number of pupils, the income will not be sufficient to meet expenses. It will be seen then, that there is an urgent necessity to make a special effort in behalf of the Institution to save it from financial embarrassment. This plain statement of facts is made to bring Synod to adopt measures, if possible, to prevent such embarrassing consequences.

The Synod of Pittsburgh, under whose care the Institution is placed, is composed of at least *fifty* pastoral charges. It would seem to be no unreasonable demand to expect at least one pupil from every third or fourth charge. And it is believed that with proper effort, such a result could easily be accomplished. This would place the Institution entirely beyond all embarrassment. It is, therefore, not asking too much of Synod to urge upon them to take such measures as to bring this matter properly to the attention of the people. The Institution can be successfully maintained by a general effort throughout the bounds of the Synod. Greensburg Female Seminary, as an Institution of the Reformed Church, has a right to expect this from the Synod, and it is sincerely hoped that Synod will take the necessary action. The report is submitted to the Board of Trustees for reference to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIAN CORT, *Principal*.

To this we add an extract from the minutes of our meeting held in Greensburg in June last.

The Board was reorganized by the election of J. W. Love, President, and D. B. Lady, Secretary, for the ensuing year. The Committee appointed to attend the Examinations in the Institution reported that they were highly satisfactory in that the pupils gave evidence of thorough drill in the various branches of study pursued.

A resolution was passed, heartily approving of the management of the Institution in all its departments, and commending it to the favor of the Synod and of the Church at large.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,

J. I. SWANDER,

J. M. TITZEL,

T. J. BARKLEY,

D. B. LADY,

W. R. BARNHART,

Members of the Board Present.

Report of the Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home submit the following report :

By the blessing of the Father of the fatherless, this, the only charitable institution within the bounds of our Synod, has been in successful operation during the past year. About the usual number of destitute children have been clothed, fed and instructed in those things necessary to prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of this life, and for the enjoyments of the life to come. The blessing and favor of the great Master, who has commanded us to visit the fatherless in their affliction, have attended the work of those into whose hands the management of this important part of our Church work has been placed. His promise to those who care for the orphan has been fulfilled. His hand has guided us. His grace and blessing have not been withheld. We are therefore able to report that the moral and spiritual condition of the Home is good, and full of promise for the future.

But while we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in the bestowment of spiritual benefits during the past year, we feel it to be our duty to state that the Church has failed to support our Home as we think it deserves, and as the cause which it represents, demands. The recommendations of Synod, in this respect, have been obeyed only in part. Our calls for aid have fallen, to a large extent, on closed ears and unwilling hearts. Those who have the direct oversight and management of its affairs have therefore, been perplexed with debts, and very often with the question, "How shall bread and clothing be procured for these little ones?" As a further result of this embarrassment, many worthy applicants have had to be denied admission to the Home. Shall this continue? or will the Synod recognize

St. Paul Orphan Home as its own child who has a claim upon her warmest sympathies and support ?

Early last Spring, Rev. J. B. Thompson tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Home. The resignation was accepted by the Executive Committee, whose action was also confirmed by the Board at its annual meeting in June, at which time the Committee laid before the Board a large number of Applications for the position. The Board, however, failed to make a selection. An arrangement was then entered into with Rev. J. B. Thompson to continue as Superintendent till the close of this year. Since the annual meeting of the Board, efforts have been made to secure a suitable man for the position, but so far without success. We are, however, in correspondence with several who are recommended as good men, and well adapted to this kind of work, and it is hoped that the question of Superintendent will soon be settled. In conclusion the Board repeats the requests of former years—that St. Paul Orphan Home be remembered in the prayers of the Church, and that such action be taken as will elicit liberal contributions from the people for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *President.*

The following summary is added in answer to the resolution contained in the report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning :

The following is a brief summary of the number of orphans in the Home for the year ending October 1st, 1876, of the estimated value of the products of the farm, of donations of clothing and provisions, of cash receipts from all sources, and of expenditures :

Number of Soldiers' Orphans,	28
" Church "	16
Total,	44
Estimated value of farm products,	\$ 753 00
" " clothing and provisions donated,	267 22
Cash Receipts from all sources,	3,430 15
Total,	\$4,450 37
Cash Expenditures,	\$3,439 68
Bills due but not paid,	\$1,200 00

Report of Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Committee on Institutions of Learning would report that the following papers came into its hands :

The Reports of the Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary, and of the Board of Trustees, with a catalogue of the Institution, and the Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

We propose the following resolutions :

Inasmuch as the Greensburg Female Seminary has been established by the Synod, and is under its care and control ; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon the pastors to make a special effort to increase the number of pupils, and heartily co-operate with the Principal in advancing the interests of the Institution.

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home be instructed to complete his report by furnishing a full statement of the financial operations and condition of the Home to the Stated Clerk for publication in the Minutes.

Resolved, That in view of the present needs of the Home, the pastors of Synod be earnestly requested to make special efforts in behalf of this Institution during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PILGRAM,
H. F. KEENER,
J. J. PENNEPACKER,
S. C. REMSBERG,
J. S. STAHLMAN.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board.

The operations of the Board of Beneficiary Education have been somewhat more satisfactory during the last year than prior to the date of our former report. The progress and moral conduct of the eight Beneficiaries, as far as we can learn, have been all that could be expected. Two of them John Schick and J. W. Knappenberger, have entered the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Church. Three others, Jno. N. Appel, Robt. C. Bowling and Christian Gumbert, have been graduated from College. Two new candidates have been received. M. L. Campbell, recommended by the Clarion Classis, is a member of the Freshman Class in the College at Lancaster. John Swift, recommended by Allegheny Classis, is to prepare in the the course of this year for the Freshman Class at Mercersburg.

Want of means prevents the Board from still further enlarging the band of Beneficiary candidates for the Holy Ministry of reconciliation. Two additional applicants desire the Board's aid. Some of the Classes, as St. Paul and Somerset still adhere to the selfish plan of providing only for those Beneficiary Students coming from the bounds of each Classis.

It is needful to remind the Synod that this is not in accordance with its reiterated requests and the promised acquiescence of the Classes themselves.

A small increase of appropriation from the Treasury would enable the Board to grant aid to the above two candidates. It is judged that \$1,500 will be needed for the work during the year, for which provision is now to be made.

The total amount voted last year was \$1,400. Of this sum there was received in cash and acknowledgments \$1,163.81. Total amount paid out on

appropriations \$1,163.48, which leaves our Treasury without one dollar on hand. Considerable of the above amount was paid on overdue appropriations of the former year.

The term of Rev. L. Cort expires with this annual meeting.

The remaining members are Geo. B. Russell, four years ; Jacob Hershey, three years ; J. W. Love, two years ; and C. R. Diffenbacher, one year.

Praying the blessing of our adorable Saviour upon the benefactions of the Church and the imperfect discharge of the trust committed to this Board, as well as upon the pious self-consecration and faithful efforts of the young men under our care, we anew commend this worthy cause to all those who desire the prosperity of our Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.

Report of Committee on Education as Adopted.

The Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education is the only document referred to us. To this we respectfully call the attention of the Church. The subject of which it treats is worthy of prayerful consideration. As the harvest is so great, and the laborers so few, we offer the following for hearty adoption by the Synod :

Resolved, That there is great need for enlarged operations in the matter of Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That the several Classes be urged to carry forward their beneficiary work as far as practicable through the Synod's Board, and that the amount required, \$1,500, be apportioned upon the different Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. SWANDER,
H. BAIR,
D. S. DIFFENBACHER,
GEO. WALTERS,
JACOB REED.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of Synodical Board.

The Board of Publication would report that one meeting was held during the year. Rev. T. F. Stauffer was chosen Chairman, and T. J. Craig Secretary. There being no business before the Board the following action was taken : Inasmuch as the publication interests of this Synod are united with the Eastern Board—thereby virtually dissolving this Board—therefore we request Synod to discontinue this Board, as there is nothing demanding our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,
W. E. SCHMERTZ,
T. J. CRAIG,
C. M. BOUSCH.

*Report of the Committee on the Union of Publication Interests of the
Three Eastern Synods, Appointed at the Last Meeting of Synod.*

This report was made under Item 9 of the Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned would respectfully report :

That besides himself as Chairman appointed by the Synod at Kittanning, there were also present and so claiming membership on the Committee, J. M. Titzel, J. McConnell, C. U. Heilman, J. B. Thompson, J. W. Love, J. A. Hoffheins, J. J. Pennepacker, J. F. Wiant, D. S. Diffenbacher, T. J. Craig, W. G. King and J. Dotterer.

The Committee held several sessions, discussing thoroughly the whole matter and proposing plans of operation. Of these transactions we have been unable to obtain the official record from the Secretary, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, who was at that time in transitu to the Virginia Classis, into which he was received a few days subsequently to that meeting, and who has ever since refused to send an authentic copy for the use of making this report.

After meeting in general conference with the Tri-Synodic Committee, "we gave our consent to the main plan proposed, leaving the details to be satisfactorily settled according to the enabling act of our Synod." The Pittsburgh Synod was allowed *two votes* out of seven in electing an Editor-in-Chief, and *two* members in the joint Board of Publication with a two-seventh ownership in the assets of the publishing interests in the care and trust of the Board ; as also a liability incurred for the same ratio of the indebtedness of the concern.

While the Synod of the Potomac voted \$2,000 to the working capital, and the old Eastern Synod proposed to collect \$5,000 for the same purpose, the representatives of the Pittsburgh Synod positively declined pledging it for a single dollar, on the ground that its assumption of pro rata risks and liability for the heavy indebtedness, together with its future patronage, would be thought equal to all it would pecuniarily gain in the union. We deem it important to mention these things here, as they do not appear in the official transcript of the Tri-Synodic Committee's Minutes, nor in the report made to the mother Synod by its Committee to the conference.

Under the provisional agreement to the proposed union of the then existing papers in a new one for the three Synods, the General Committee claimed that it could not "*arrange the details*," involved in this Synod's contract with the publisher of its paper. This, it was thought, was the province of the Publication Board. The Tri-Synodic Committee therefore limited itself to the election of an Editor-in-Chief, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. Peter S. Davis. Our Committee then chose Rev. J. M. Titzel Synodical Editor, and appointed B. Wolff jr., and Rev. J. W. Love provisional members of the Board of Publication, who were instructed to urge upon the Board the propriety of issuing a cheap edition of the paper, not costing more than one dollar a year.

This being as far as this Committee could go, it thereupon, without satisfactorily arranging the details, terminated its labor.

Respectfully, submitted,

By order of the Committee,

G. B. RUSSELL, D. D., *Chairman.*

Report of Special Committee on Dr. Russell's Claim for Indemnity.

The Committee to whom were referred the presentment of Dr. Russell, a communication from Rev. Dr. Fisher, Secretary of the Board of Publication, and Statement signed by a majority of the Committee who attended the meeting of the Synod of the United States held at Lancaster in October, 1875, would report: In the first of these papers Rev. Dr. Russell claims that the contract between him as Editor of this Synod and the Board of Publication has not been terminated by any official act of this Synod; that in the consolidation of the publication interests of the three Synods, great injustice has been done to his moral and contract rights, because the *details*, as required by the Kittanning Synod, have not been satisfactorily settled, and asks that this Synod do him justice by acknowledging his rights.

The second paper certifies that Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., presented his claims at a regular meeting of the joint Board, which, after due consideration, were not allowed, and that the claimant was referred to the Pittsburgh Synod.

The third paper is a Statement signed by a majority of the Committee who attended the Synod at Lancaster, in which it is claimed that the plan for merging the publication interests of the three Synods was entered into without any conditions; that Rev. Dr. Russell waived the settlement of the details, and expressed his willingness to submit the settlement of his claims to the joint Board; and that the action of the Committee was considered as final and as the action of Synod.

After due consideration of the matter committed to their hands, your Committee offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., relinquished his position as Editor of this Synod, when he agreed to enter into a plan which necessarily involved the discontinuation of our paper at the close of the year 1875.
2. *Resolved*, That the action of the Committee of this Synod, at Lancaster in view of all the circumstances, be considered final, in so far as the present publication interests of this Synod are concerned.
3. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby express its willingness to give Dr Russell any reasonable remuneration for what he claims to be losses sustained in relinquishing the Editing and publishing of the *Reformed Era*.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. H. APPEL,
J. W. ALSPACH,
H. HOFFMAN,
I. J. WIREBACK,
S. C. REMBERG,
F. PILGRAM.

Subsequently a Committee was appointed to confer with Rev. Dr. Russell, respecting his claim, which Committee made the following report, which was adopted. Your Committee would report: That they had an interview with Rev. Dr. Russell, and heard a statement of his claims, and after some consideration, the following results were reached as the best *terms* that could be obtained: That the Synod indemnify Rev. Dr. Russell to the amount of \$1,000 for pecuniary losses sustained in the merging of his interests as Editor of the *Reformed Era* into the arrangement of the Tri-Synodical Board of Publication; and that said amount be paid him as follows: Two hundred dollars in hand; *three hundred* on the *first* day of April, 1877, and *five hundred* dollars on the *first* day of April, 1878; notes to be the given for time amounts by the officers of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIAN CORT,

T. J. BARKLEY,

S. C. REMSBERG.

After the adoption of the above, the President of Synod was ordered to give Dr. Russell an order on the Treasurer for *two hundred dollars*.

Report of the Board of Publication.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submit the following annual report:

The Board held one Special Session soon after the last annual meeting of the several Synods and four regular quarterly meetings, at each of which the three Synods were represented, and earnest attention was given to matters relating to the interests of the Board.

The operations of the year have been carried forward under the disadvantages incident to all business enterprises in the midst of the continued financial pressure of the times; and though the results are not as favorable as was to have been desired, yet they are not without their encouraging aspects.

From the annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the last quarterly meeting, which is full as to particulars, the following Summary is gathered, as indicating the financial condition of the Board:

Receipts for the year,	\$39,391 33
Disbursements,	37,479 86
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Excess of Receipts,	\$1,911 47
Liabilities reported Oct. 1, 1875,	\$29,212 28
" " 1876,	27,011 44
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Decrease of Liabilities,	\$2,200 84
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General Assets Oct. 1, 1875,	\$54,991 16

General Assets Oct. 1, 1876,	54,811 31	
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General Assets,		\$54,811 31
Add Real Estate,		35,000 00
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		\$89,811 31
General Liabilities,	\$27,011 44	
Add Mortgage on Real Estate,	20,000 00	\$47,011 44
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities,		\$42,799 87
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Advances of Treasurer Oct. 1, 1875,	\$14,268 87	
“ “ “ 1876,	12,357 40	
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Decrease in Advance.	\$1,911 47	
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The agents of the Board have labored earnestly to collect the outstanding dues of the past, and to enforce cash in advance payments, both on periodicals and books, in the future. They have, however, met with only partial success. These efforts are to be continued, and it is to be hoped that, with the active co-operation of the friends of the Publication enterprise of the Church, they will be attended with greater success.

The funds proposed to be furnished by the Synod of the Potomac and the United States were received and are included in the general receipts of the Board.

Immediately, at the first meeting after the adjournment of the last Synods, the Board took measures to have its charter changed so as to conform to the arrangements entered into by the three Synods, in regard to the Publication interests represented in the Board. They have had to contend with the delays only too often incident to movements of this kind; but have still succeeded in getting the new charter drawn up in form, and having it acknowledged before the Recorder of Deeds, so that it may be expected soon to receive the approval of the Courts and go into full legal effect. A copy of the charter accompanies this report. In view of the fact that the new charter has not obtained full legal sanction, the Board recommends to the Synods that they continue their present representatives in the Board for another year.

The wishes expressed by the three Synods in regard to the publication of the *Messenger* have received the earnest attention of the Board. The Rev. Dr. Peter S. Davis, who had been chosen Editor-in-Chief, with his assistants, appointed by the three Synods, respectively, entered upon their duties with the opening of the present year. The paper has appeared in an enlarged and much improved form, and has, so far as is known, given general satisfaction. To accommodate a certain class of subscribers, the paper is issued in two editions, the one being a double, and the other a single sheet. A re-

spectable addition has been made to the subscription list; but it must be still farther increased before a sufficient amount can be realized from receipts for the subscription to cover the increased expense of publication. It is to be hoped that active measures will be taken by the respective Synods to aid the Board in their efforts to place the *Messenger* on a paying basis, by greatly extending its circulation.

Agreeably to the instructions of the Synod of the United States, the Board has resumed the publication of the *Mercersburg Review*. An edition of five hundred copies has been issued. The subscription list has been slightly increased, but still not to an extent to make its receipts cover the expenses. It greatly needs co-operation on the part of its friends.

The *Lämmerhirte* was transferred to the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, with the opening of the year. The other periodicals of the Church, the *Guardian*, *Lesson Papers*, and *Child's Treasury*, meet with continued favor, and are accomplishing their purposed work in their respective spheres.

A change has taken place in the Business Agent of the Book Department. At the first quarterly meeting, J. David Miller, who has occupied this position for a number of years, tendered his resignation, which went into effect on the first of April last. Charles H. Taylor was secured as his successor, who entered upon his duties on the fifteenth of May. He is well qualified for the position, and is prosecuting his duties with energy and efficiency. With proper co-operation on the part of the Church, there is every reason to believe, that he will be able to make this department of our Publication enterprise a decided success.

The Synod of the United States instructed the Board to appoint an agent to collect the monies to replace the amount borrowed by it for the use of the Board as well as to work for the general interests of the establishment. The Board secured the services of Rev. Jac. F. Wyant for this purpose, who entered upon his duties in February last. He has met with some success, especially as relates to advancing the general interests of the Board, and it is to be hoped his continued services may be enjoyed. As his operations concern more especially the Synod of the United States, a separate report of them from him will be submitted to it.

With the above statements the Board earnestly commends the Publication interests of the Church as entrusted to it, to the hearty and prayerful consideration of the respective Synods, and solicits their ardent prayers and continued active co-operation in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. R. FISHER, *Secretary*,
D. W. GROSS, *President*.

Charter.

Section 1. The name and title of this Corporation shall be "The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Section 2. Its object shall be the publication and sale of such works permanent and periodical as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion.

Section 3. This Corporation shall be constituted of a Board of Trustees, consisting at present of Daniel W. Gross, George Gelbach, George W. Hensel, John W. Love, Bernard Wolff, Adam B. Wingerd, and Goldsboro S. Griffith, who shall hold their office until successors are duly qualified to take their places, to be chosen by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and such other Synod or Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, as the Synods represented in the Corporation may see fit, by unanimous consent among themselves, to associate with them in the work of Publication, at such time and in such order, number and manner, as shall be mutually agreed upon by aforesaid Synods ; provided that not more than one-third of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two-thirds of the Trustees shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania ; vacancies, however, occurring by death, resignation or disqualification, under the By-Laws of the Corporation, may be filled by the Corporation itself, until the next annual meeting of the Synods, when it shall be competent for them to fill such vacancies, in such a manner as may have been provided for among themselves.

Section 4. The Trustees hereby incorporated and their successors shall, subject to the supervision and direction of a majority of the Synods referred to in the previous Section, have full power to hold and to manage the funds and property entrusted to them, and to conduct the particular business assigned them in such a manner as shall be deemed most advantageous and not contrary to law ; provided, always, the clear yearly income above expenses from the real and personal estate held by said Corporation, shall not at any time exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars ; and provided, also, they shall not dispose of, or encumber, any of said real estate without first having obtained the consent of a majority of the Synods controlling the Corporation.

Section 5. This Corporation shall have power from time to time to adopt such By-Laws as it may deem necessary for its government, and also to alter and amend the same as it may see fit, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this Charter, and the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Report of Committee on Publication.

Your Committee on Publication would report as follows :

The following named documents have been placed in our hands : 1. The report of the Board of Publication of this Synod. 2. The report of the Board of Publication of the three Synods. 3. A copy of the proposed *Charter* of the joint Board. 4. A transcript from the Minutes of the joint

Board, referring Dr. Russell with his claims to this Synod. 5. The report of the Committee appointed at the Synod of Kittanning, Pa., on the union of Church Papers.

In view of the statements and facts contained in the several papers in our hands, we offer the following items for Synod's consideration :

Item 1. Resolved, That the request of the Board of Publication, asking that the present representatives from this Synod be continued for one year, is hereby granted.

Item 2. Resolved, That this Synod pledges itself to a hearty co-operation with the Board in aiding to make the receipts of the *Messenger* and other publications cover their expenses, and to increase the circulation within the bounds of this Synod.

Item 3. Resolved, That the different Classes of this Synod are requested to take active measures to increase the circulation of the *Messenger* and other publications of the Board.

Item 4. Resolved, That the form of Charter applied for by the Board, be and is hereby approved.

Item 5. Resolved, That the transcript from the Minutes of the Board relating to Dr. Russell and his claims, be placed in the hands of the Special Committee, to whom Dr. Russell's presentment was referred.

Item 6. Resolved, That the Board of Publication of this Synod *be* and *is* hereby dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,
J. MAY,
J. F. WIAINT,
WM. MARTZ,
A. C. LEPLEY.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves the manner in which its Editor discharged the duties of his office during the past year.

Resolved, That the term of Editorship be *three years* from the time of election.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed, and to distribute them as usual.

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH :

Dear Fathers and Brethren: I Herewith present to you my report as your Treasurer, and respectfully request that you elect another Treasurer, unless the rule of Synod requiring all monies apportioned upon the Classes to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, be enforced upon the Classical Treasurers. I also report in addition to the amounts credited in my report that the Treasurer of Westmoreland Classis reports the disbursement of two hundred and fifteen dollars after paying in full Synod's apportionment.

Allegheny Classis has paid its apportionment in full and five dollars in addition—the others in part.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer.*

REPORT.

T. J. Craig, Treasurer, in Account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1875.				DR.
Dec. 7.	Clarion Classis, by Rev. D. S. Diffenbacher, Treas.	.	\$	67 00
" 28.	Westmoreland Classis, by Rev. J. W. Love, "	.		149 18
1876.				
Feb. 11.	Somerset Classis, by Rev. H. F. Keener, pro tem. Treas.	.		25 59
Feb. 23.	Westmoreland Classis, by Rev. J. W. L., Treas.	.		100 00
Mar. 13.	" " " "	.		255 00
" 23.	Clarion Classis, " D. S. D., "	.		219 00
April 6.	Westmoreland Classis, " J. W. L., "	.		135 00
May 1.	Allegheny " " T. J. C., "	.		200 00
" 18.	Westmoreland " " J. W. L., "	.		160 00
June 5.	" " " "	.		150 00
" 15.	St. Paul " " C. M. Bousch, Treas.	.		25 62
July 19.	Somerset " " H. F. K., "	.		50 00
Aug. 8.	Clarion " " D. S. D., "	.		252 71
Sep. 23.	" " " "	.		125 00
"	Westmoreland " " J. W. L., "	.		150 82
" 26.	Allegheny " " T. J. C., "	.		200 00
Oct. 10.	Clarion " " D. S. D., "	.		127 25
"	Allegheny " " T. J. C., "	.		305 00
Total,				\$2,697 17

T. J. Craig, Treasurer, in Account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1875.			CR.
Oct. 18.	By cash, Printing Expenses and Treasurer's Book,	.	\$ 1 90
Dec. 17.	" Beneficiary Education, Rev. G. B. R., Treas,	.	67 00
" 29.	" Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas,	.	99 18
Feb. 11.	" Benef. Ed. receipt of Treas to J. W. L.,	.	125 00
"	" Synodical Expenses, Mailing Minutes, &c.,	.	25 59
" 23.	" Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas.,	.	100 00
" 27.	" " " "	.	250 00
May 1.	" Benef. Ed., G. B. R., Treas.,	.	200 00
" 3.	" Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas.,	.	150 00
"	" Synodical Expenses, Printing Minutes,	.	100 00
Jan. 19.	" Benef. Ed., G. B. R., Treas.,	.	50 00
July 19.	" Synod'al Exp'nses, H. F. K. Salary as Stat. Cl'k	.	50 00
Amount carried forward,			\$1,218 67

		Amount brought forward,	\$1,218 67
Aug. 8.	"	Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas.,	192 71
" 10.	"	Benef. Ed., G. B. R., Treas.,	150 00
Sep. 21.	"	Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas.,	50 00
" 23.	"	" " " "	100 00
" 25.	"	Benef. Ed., G. B. R., Treas.,	15 00
" "	"	" " " "	100 00
" 26.	"	Missions, W. H. Seibert, Treas.,	350 00
" "	"	" " " "	41 25
" "	"	" " " "	105 00
" "	"	Benef. Ed., G. B. R., Treas.,	200 00
			<hr/>
			\$2,522 63

* Balance in Treasury, \$174 54

Resolved, That Classical Treasurers be required to pay all money apportioned by Synod to the Synodical Treasurer, but in certain cases they may designate its disbursement.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report :

The only paper coming into our possession is the Treasurer's Report. This was examined and found correct.

By action of Synod the amounts herein named are to be apportioned. For Missions, \$2,500; Beneficiary Education, \$1,500; Synodical Expenses, \$200; and \$500, part of indemnity voted Dr. Russell, making a total of \$4,700.

This amount we apportion as follows :

Westmoreland Classis,	\$1,250 00	
Clarion	1,050 00	
St. Paul	850 00	
Somerset	750 00	
Allegheny	800 00	\$4,700 00

Amounts due on last year's apportionments :

Clarion Classis,	\$209 04
Somerset "	624 41
St. Paul "	724 38
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\$1,607 83	

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIFFENBACHER,
F. A. EDMONDS,
JAS. GRANT,
W. R. BARNHART,
T. H. BRINKER.

* By resolution of Synod the following is appended :

St. Paul Classis contributed during the year for Missions in its bounds,	\$210 00
St. Paul Classis contributed during the year for Beneficiary Education,	271 81
Total,	<hr/> \$481 81

Rev. A. K. Kline and Elder W. R. Barnhart were appointed to collect *Twenty-five Cents* from each member of Synod for contingent expenses. They, in due time, reported their duty attended to and *Thirteen Dollars and Twenty-five Cents* collected. They were instructed to pay \$1.25 for printing tickets, and to hand the remainder to the pastor Loci.

ARTICLE XIX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted, and the Committee ordered to have seventy copies printed for the use of Synod. This was afterwards reported attended to, at a cost of \$1.25, which was ordered to be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

Revs. J. J. Pennepacker, Jas. Grant, and Jos. M. Schreckenghost, were appointed Tellers.

The election was entered upon and resulted as follows :

Trustees of Synod. Rev. J. W. Alspach.

Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home. Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. Dotterer, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds, and Eli George.

Trustees of Literary Institutions. H. L. Baer, W. R. Barnhart, and Rev. J. W. Love.

Beneficiary Education. Rev. L. Cort.

Board of Missions. Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Board of Visitors to Theological Seminary. Revs. J. M. Titzel and T. J. Barkley.

S. S. Board. Revs. C. U. Heilman, J. M. Titzel, J. W. Love, D. S. Diefenbacher, and G. B. Russell, D. D.

The Boards as now Constituted.

Board of Trustees of Synod. For *five years*, J. W. Alspach ; *four years*, Geo. Fritz ; *three years*, H. L. Baer ; *two years*, John Truxel ; *one year*, G. B. Russell, D. D.

Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home. *Four years*, J. F. Snyder, J. Dotterer, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds ; *three years*, T. J. Barkley, J. W. Alspach, J. Hannaberry, Eli George ; *two years*, W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., Jos. Cort, T. F. Stauffer ; *one year*, Jno. McConell C. M. Bousch, D. S. Diefenbacher, T. J. Craig.

Board of Trustees of Literary Institution. *Three years*, H. L. Baer, W. R. Barnhart, J. W. Love ; *two years*, A. E. Truxal, D. B. Lady, T. J. Craig ; *one year*, J. I. Swander, T. J. Barkley, J. M. Titzel.

Board of Beneficiary Education. *Five years*, L. Cort ; *four years*, G. B. Russell, D. D. ; *three years*, Jacob Hershey ; *two years*, J. W. Love ; *one year*, C. R. Diefenbacher.

Board of Missions. *Four years*, C. U. Heilman ; *three years*, F. Pil-

grim, D. S. Diffenbacher, J. I. Swander ; *two years*, D. B. Lady ; *one year*, G. B. Russell, D. D.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary. T. J. Craig, W. J. Baer, and W. E. Schmertz.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary. J. M. Titzel and T. J. Barkley.

Sunday School Board. C. U. Heilman, J. M. Titzel, J. W. Love, D. S. Diffenbacher, and G. B. Russell.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Ruhl is hereby authorized to return a certain note of \$1,000, given by the Trustees of Zion Reformed Church to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Allegheny county, Md., and paid by Rev. G. H. Johnston and Rev. J. Ruhl, in exchange for a note signed by Rev. Geo. H. Johnston in favor of Catharine Bartholomy and now in the hands of Zion Reformed Church, Cumberland.

Resolved, That all persons within the bounds of this Synod, having in their possession any documents or publications of interest to the Reformed Church, or value for further reference, are hereby requested to send them to Prof. J. H. Dubbs, Lancaster, Pa., for the Historical Society of the Reformed Church in the United States. We also commend this action to the Classes.

The Synod approved the action of the President in changing the place of meeting.

The Clerk was ordered to devote the third page of the cover of the Synodical Minutes to an advertisement of Greensburg Female Seminary.

ARTICLE XXI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered the people of Irwin for the hospitable entertainment extended to us during our Sessions ; and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

Rev. Wm. Rupp was excused for non-attendance.

The Roll was called and no member present during any of the sessions, was found absent without excuse, except Rev. L. B. Leasure.

Those absentees who failed to send excuses are referred to their several Classes.

The Record was read and approved at the opening of every Morning Session, and on Tuesday afternoon before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod resolved to meet in *Convention* next year ; hence will be composed of all the Ministers, and one Elder from each pastoral charge in its bounds,

The Classes were ordered to direct the attention of their members to the Rule of Synod respecting the duty of attendance.

The *Reformed Church, Meadville, Pa.*, was chosen as the place and the *second* Thursday of October, 1877, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., as the time for the next annual meeting of Synod.

Adjourned with religious services, to meet as above determined.

J. W. LOVE, *President.*

H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Record.

H. F. KEENER,
Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	(Confirmations.)	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastors' Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.,	4 First, Greensburg.	600	650	80	40	11	525		7	23	4	300	\$426 00	\$ 200 00	\$1200 00		Greensburg, Westmord Co., Pa.
J. F. Snyder,	2 Emmanuel,	270	250	16	24	9	244		8	4	2	207	175 00	180 00	670 00		" "
J. I. Swander,	4 Latrobe,	324	320	31	8	9	315			2	3	175	180 00		950 00	1	" "
J. W. Love,	2 Second, Greensburg.	238	230	32	18	21	214		3	6	2	175	200 00	3203 00	1000 00		" "
D. B. Lady,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	280	200	18	30	4	280		6	6	3	180	185 00	150 00	900 00		" "
J. M. Titzel,	1 Irwin,	180	160	20	16	16	156		7	4	1	139	150 00	150 00	950 00	1	" "
J. McConnell,	2 St. James,	145	129	15	20	8	116			7	1	53			600 00		" "
W. C. B. Shulenberg,	1 Scott Dale,	53	46	11	8	12	53		1	1	1	90	65 00	469 31	700 00		" "
H. Balr,	1 Pine Run,	99	90	13	13	17	98			3	1	85	59 30	60 00	700 00	1	" "
Vacant,	2 Salem,	250	200	30		6	225		7	3	2	120	54 00	50 00	700 00		" "
Prof. L. Cort,	Prin. Greensburg F. S.																" "
L. B. Leasure,	Without Charge,																" "
J. W. Knappenberger,	Licentiate,																" "
Total, 12.	Total, 10.	2439	2275	266	137	112	2227		38	59	20	1504	\$1494 30	\$4482 31	\$8370 00	3	

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCH.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Renewal of Ptn. and Certificate.	Communed.	Fix-Com.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. Scholars.	Benefactions.	Local Objects.	Pastors' Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Vacant.	2 Plumb Creek.		194	130				85					75	\$ 16 00	\$ 275 00		South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.	
W. C. Houpt,	3 Tylersburg.		1100	89				84					47	25 00	300 00		Lisecville, Clarion Co., Pa.	
H. Hoffman.	3 Beaver.		200	203	2			175					100	45 36	150 00	\$750 00	St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa., P.O. Box 133.	
D. B. Dissenbacher,	2 Kittanning.		237	215	27	14	12	207	13	7			140	191 77	3100	2575 00	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa.	
John Dotterer,	3 Curllsville.		253	230	20	25	3	227	8	5			189	191 82	290	1700 00	Curllsville, Clarion Co., Pa.	
Jas. Grant,	4 St. Johns.		187	190	16	17	2	160	9	2			50	63 12	260	401 83 1/2	Colliersville, Armstrong Co., Pa.	
J. J. Pennypacker,	2 Rimersburg.		93	50	24	15	15	90	9	2			65	85 11	260	1300 00	Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.	
John Wolbach,	3 Luthersburg.		200	200				145					340	49 12	650 00	Troutsville, Clarion Co., Pa.		
A. K. Kline,	2 South Bend.		1211	185	19	5	1	199	6	3			185	173 95	600 00	Elkerton, Armstrong Co., Pa.		
Vacant,	2 St. Petersburg.		1200	175				150					125		1000 00	St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.		
Vacant,	5 Red Bank.		204	150	15	7	15	160					120	127 34	600 00	Shanondale, Clarion Co., Pa.		
Q. F. Hoffmeier.	Without charge.																Parent and Pa.	
H. W. Hoffmeier,	"																Lancaster, Pa.	
L. Crist,	"																Clear Water, Wright Co., Minn.	
J. F. Wiant.	Agt. Pub. Bd. of E. Synod.																No. 225 West Orange St., Lancaster Pa.	
Total, 12.		31	1979	1815	123	83	48	1712	30	23	24	1235	9568	56	\$710	\$6251 83 1/2		

† There being no report, the statistics were taken from last year's report * Charges that have Personages. ‡ Receive Missionary aid in addition to amount reported.

† There being no report, the statistics were taken from last year's report. * Charges that have Parsonages.
‡ Receive Missionary aid in addition to amount reported.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS FOR 1873-76.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Members.	Uncon- firmed.	Baptisms.	Confir- mations.	Certifi- cates.	(Communi- cants.	Excom. Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent Contribut'.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. D. Leberman,	2 Meadville,	195	80	26	26	4	278	4	11	2	175	\$160 00	\$1100 00	\$575		Meadville, Pa.
C. R. Diefenbacher,	2 Greenville,	220	160	15	14	7	200	4	2	2	150	97 97		850		Greenville, "
F. P. Hartmetz,	1 Sharon,	120	132	22	12	4	68	4	2	1	72	10 00		700		Sharon,
J. H. Appel,	2 Saegertown,	170	120	9	9	2	160	1	6	1	30	113 77		700	2	Saegertown, Pa.
F. Pilgram,	4 Shenango,	478	275	34	44	3	420	4	6	4	875	225 42	25 62	900		Greenville, "
J. May,	4 Zion's,	168	180	22	6	4	132		5	1	40	46 10	30 00	550		Cochran, "
Vacant,*	1 St. Paul's,†						78			2	100	23 40				Titusville,
Vacant,**	2 Mercer,**	85	65													Balm, Mercer county, Pa.
E. H. Diefenbacher,																
Total, 7,		1436	1012	128	111	24	1236	1	16	30	13	942	\$676 66	\$1155 62	\$4375	2

* C. A. Lumberg, Supply. ** E. H. Diefenbacher, Supply. † No report.

STATISTICS OF SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communi- cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Object.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for the Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benjamin Knepper,	Wellersburg,	3	124	100	44	2	3	95		4	5	3	85	\$ 65 00	\$ 60 00	\$	1	Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.
William Rupp,	Berlin,	1	208	145	16	2	3	173		1	5	1	100	175 00		700 00		Berlin,
H. F. Keener,	Zion,	5	280	263	85	20	2	264		22	10	2	100	125 00	162 00	900 00		Berlin,
A. E. Truxal,	Somerset,	5	245	130	10	6	3	225		2	6	3	125	225 26	1000 00	1800 00		Somerset,
J. Ruhl,	Frostburg,	1	205	170	20	16	4	205	5		5	1	169	81 90	495 00	1000 00		Frostburg, Md.
L. D. Steckel,	Meyersdale,	4	349	270	35	20	31	305	2		7	4	220	23 00	181 00	700 00		Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.
F. R. Schwedes,	Cumberland Mission,	1	150	100	17	6	14	140		3	5	1	100	5 00	500 00	800 00		Cumberland, Md.
C. U. Hellman,	Paradise,	4	340	231	39	26	18	280		10	9	4	250	126 50	1225 00	1800 00		Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.
W. H. Bates,	Beam,	5	376	146	9		2	274		1	10	3	165	101 54	69 00	1800 00	1	Stoystown,
Total, 9.	Total, 9.	29	2277	1555	275	98	77	1951	7	43	62	22	1314	\$1028 20	\$3692 00	\$6500 00	2	

+ And Parsonage.

STATISTICS OF ALLEGHENY CLASSES

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS AND CHURCHES.		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms, Infant.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	F. Schools.	S. Schools.	Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Benefactions.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
T. J. Barkley,	1	Grace Church,		140	86	13	7	8	126	4	3	1	60		1	\$ 965 00	\$ 850 00	\$1,500 00	31 Fayette St., Allegheny City, Pa.
T. P. Stauffer,	1	Trinity,		70	62	8	9	6	62	6	1	1	45		1	26 36	360 00	700 00	Wilkesburg, Allegheny Co., Pa.
F. A. Edmonds,	2	Harmony,		265	123	9	18	9	214	3	2	253				445 00		725 00	Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
J. W. Abpach,	2	Sugar Creek,		317	270	31	29	16	290	14	13	2	150			262 63	240 00	800 00	Barbair's Mills, Bedford Co., Pa.
J. Hannaberry,	1	Fairview,		135	112	14	10	4	110	3	3	1	35			84 35	1,184 00	700 00	Hahwin, Butler Co., Pa.
G. B. Russell,	Pres't of Board of Home Miss.																		East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. B. Thompson,	2	Butler,		164	69	15	27	14	131	1	1	1	75			51 71			Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
H. D. Darbaker,	1	Zion,		34	25	10	10	4	28	2	1	1	63						East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. F. Lichtler,	1	1st Church Allegheny,		56	35				48								633 00	700 00	11 Boy's St Allegheny City, Pa.
Chas. Knepper,		Mansfield Valley, and without charge.																	Mansfield Valley, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Total, 12,	12			1181	602	100	110	61	1029	28	25	10	813		2	\$1,894.93	\$3,227.00	\$5,125.00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1876.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastors' Salary.	Students for Ministry	
Westmoreland,	12	23	2,437	2,275	266	187	112	2,227			38	59	20	1,504	\$1,494 30	\$4,482 81	\$8,370 00	3
Clarion,	12	31	1,979	1,815	123	83	48	1,712			30	23	24	1,235	968 56	710 00	6,251 83	2
St. Paul,	7	18	1,436	1,012	128	111	24	1,236	1		16	30	13	942	676 66	1,155 62	4,875 00	2
Somerset,	9	29	2,277	1,555	275	98	77	1,951	7		43	62	22	1,314	1,027 80	3,692 00	6,500 00	2
Allegheny,	10	11	1,181	802	100	110	61	1,029			28	25	10	813	1,834 95	3,227 00	5,125 00	2
Total, Classes	50	112	9,359	7,459	892	539	322	8,155	8	155	199	89	5,808	\$6,002 27	\$13,266 93	\$80,621 83	9	
Synod of United States, Classes	8	433	63,560	36,960	5,975	3,796	1,261	51,398	88	656	2,263	463	31,250	\$31,037 28	\$185,063 49		61	
Synod of Ohio,	12	338	23,458	11,851	1,920	1,535	715	19,304	49	343	579	242	17,089	7,828 00	90,357 00		40	
Synod of Northwest,	9	187	14,635	12,372	1,655	1,034	623	11,765	172	300	425	130	6,516	9,988 00	287 00		11	
Synod of Potomac,	6	246	25,109	15,607	1,951	1,623	465	21,756	8	334	665	207	13,680	13,144 41			38	
German Synod of the East,	5	37	27,861	5,575	1,655	608	396	6,532	4	142	509	39	5,604	3,987 00	43,193 00		3	
Synods, 6; Classes	45	1,333	143,935	89,824	14,028	9,135	3,782	118,910	329	1,930	4,640	1,170	79,947	\$71,986 96	\$152,277 42		162	

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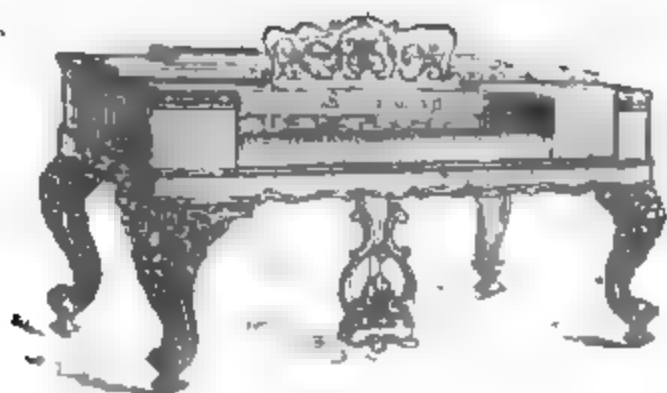
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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Eighth Annual Sessions.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States assembled in Convention in the Reformed Church, Meadville, Pa., October 11th, A. D., 1877, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., and continued its Sessions until the following Monday evening. The sessions were opened with divine services, in connection with which Rev. J. W. Love, the President, preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 4: 1, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—Rev. J. W. Love, J. M. Titzel.* J. McConnell* Henry Bair,* Samuel Z. Beam.

Elders.—Wm. R. Barnhart,* W. G. King,* Simon Kunkle,*

Clarion Classis.—Revs. H. Hoffman,* D. S. Dieffenbacher,* A. K. Kline,* W. C. B. Shulenberger.*

Elders.—Peter Johnson,* Adam Smith,* James Fulmer,* Charles H. Bicehouse,†* Nicholas Reefer.*

St. Paul Classis.—Revs. D. D. Leberman,‡ C. R. Dieffenbacher, F. P. Hartmetz, J. H. Apple, F. Pilgram, J. May, J. W. Pontious

Elders.—C. M. Bousch, Edwin Ash,§ Samuel Flaugh, S. H. Dieffen-derfer,§ George Weir.‡

Somerset Classis.—Revs. H. F. Keener, A. E. Truxal, W. H. Bates,*

Elders.—Jacob B. Hillegass, Cornelius Beuchley.*

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer,* F. A. Ed-monds,* J. W. Alspach,* G. B. Russell,* D. D., H. D. Darbaker,* W. F. Lichliter, J. M. Souder. Elder.—David Shakely.

Advisory Members.—Rev. S. R. Fisher D. D., Elders.—J. A. Leberman, John Fox, A. J. Apple.

* Appeared on Friday morning.

† Obtained leave of absence on Monday.

‡ Unwell, present, a short time, at the Monday afternoon session.

§ Appeared on Friday afternoon.

Visitors.—Revs. R. Craighead, John Reynolds D. D., and T. D. Logan of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. Van Zandt of the Reformed Synod of Albany, and Rev. Dr. Bugbee of Allegheny College, were present during some of the sessions.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. H. Apple was elected *President*.
 Rev. A. E. Truxal, *Corresponding Secretary*.
 Elder T. J. Craig, *was re-elected Treasurer*.
 Rev. H. F. Keener, *is Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The *Bar of the House* was defined as extending to the seventh pew from the front of the pulpit.

The *Sessions Hours* adopted were from 9 to 11:30 o'clock A. M., and from 2 to 4:30 o'clock P. M.

A session was also held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. F. Pilgram, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. May, and Elders C. M. Bousch, Samuel Flaugh.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. McConnell, H. Hoffman, Elders W. G. King and Peter Johnson.

Minutes of Classis.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, H. F. Keener, F. P. Hartmetz, Elders George Weir and Simon Kunkle.

Overtures.—Revs. W. F. Lichliter, J. W. Pontious, W. C. B. Shulenberg, Elders C. M. Bicehouse and Adam Smith.

Examination Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. G. B. Russell D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, Elders J. B. Hillegass and Cornelius Beuchley.

State of the Church.—Revs. J. W. Love, J. M. Souder, M. H. Diefenderfer, Elders David Shakely and W. R. Barnhart.

Missions, Home and Foreign.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, A. K. Kline, T. F. Stauffer, Elders Peter Johnson and J. B. Hillegass.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. W. F. Lichliter, D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. W. Pontious, Elders James Fulmer, Nicholas Reefer.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. S. Z. Beam, J. May, J. McConnell, Elders W. R. Barnhart and Samuel Flaugh.

Education.—Revs. J. M. Titzel, H. D. Darbaker, W. F. Lichliter, Elders C. M. Bousch and George Weir.

Publication.—Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, H. F. Keener, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders Cornelius Beuchley, David Shakely.

Finance.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, J. W. Alspach, Elders W. R. Barnhart and Adam Smith.

Communications.—Revs. H. Hoffman, S. Z. Beam, J. W. Alspach, Elders Simon Kunkle and C. M. Bousch.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classis were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classis. The Reports on the State of the Church and Statistics

were referred to the Committee on that subject. Two copies of the Minutes of Synod were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

2. The Reports of the Superintendent, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions were read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

3. The Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home was read and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Visitors, of the Treasurer and of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Reports of the Principal and of the Board of Trustees of Greensburg Female Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

6. The Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

7. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine services.

The Committee on the subject made the following report which was adopted :

The Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following appointments :

ST. PAUL REFORMED CHURCH.

Friday Evening.—Altar Service, Rev. H. Bair : Sermon, Rev. J. M. Souder.

Saturday 2 o'clock P. M.—Preparatory Service. Altar Service,—Rev. T. F. Stauffer, German Sermon, Rev. F. P. Hartmetz, English Sermon, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger.

Sunday Morning,—Communion. Altar Service, Rev. Dr. Russell, German Sermon Rev F. A. Edmonds.—English Sermon, Rev. S. R. Fisher D. D.

Sunday Afternoon.—S. S. addresses,—Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Elder W. R. Barnhart.

Sunday Evening.—Altar Service,—Rev. H. Hoffman ; Sermon, Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Second Presbyterian Church, Sunday Morning—Rev. A. E. Truxal.

“ “ “ “ Evening,—Rev. W. F. Lichliter.

State street M. E. Church, Sunday Morning,—Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

“ “ “ “ Evening,—Rev. W. H. Bates.

African M. E. Church, Sunday Morning,—Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Chestnut St. M. E. Church, Sunday Evening,—Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Baptist Church, “ Sunday Evening,—Rev. H. F. Keener.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Pilgram,
C. R. Dieffenbacher,
J. May,
C. M. Bousch,
Samuel Flaugh.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The S. School Board made the following report which was adopted and carried out as proposed :

The Sunday School Board held one meeting during the year. There

seems to have been no definite duty assigned the Board. They recommend to the Synod the holding of a Synodical Convention on Saturday evening of these sessions beginning at 7½ o'clock, to consider the following topics relating to the Sunday School.

1. *The Chief object of Sunday School Instruction.* This topic to be opened by Revs. A. E. Truxal and W. C. B. Shulenberger, in speeches not longer than fifteen minutes each. Open afterwards for general discussion.

2. *The Method by which this object can be best attained.* This topic to be discussed specially by Revs. S. Z. Beam and C. R. Dieffenbacher, fifteen minutes each,—then to be open for members of the Convention in five minute speeches.

3. *The Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School.* Addresses by Revs. H. F. Keener and W. F. Lichliter,—to be followed by a free discussion at the pleasure of the convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geo. B. Russell, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod ask leave to submit the following report :

Item 1, p. 8. Requests the Classes to pay their apportionments for Missionary purposes in quarterly payments.

Item 2, p. 22. Directs Classes to devote a session of their next Annual Meeting to the cause of Missions.

Item 3 p. 22. Instructs the members of the Board of Missions to use their efforts to awaken a Missionary Spirit in their respective classes, and induce delinquent charges to pay their apportionments promptly.

Item 4, p. 22. Appropriates \$500 to Iowa Missions, and instructs the Treasurer to pay the same through the General Synod's Treasurer.

Item 5, p. 30. Urges Classes to carry on their Beneficiary work as far as practicable, through the Synod's Board.

Item 6, p. 37. Requests the Classes to take active measures to increase the circulation of the Messenger and other publications of the Board.

Item 7, p. 37. Instructs the Stated Clerk to publish 1200 copies of the Minutes, and to distribute them as usual.

Item 8, p. 38.—Instructs Classical Treasurers to pay all money apportioned by Synod to the Synodical Treasurer, but in certain cases, permits them to designate its disbursement.

Item 9, p. 41. Commends the action of Synod which requests persons having publications or documents of interest to the Reformed Church, to donate them to the Historical Society, to the attention of the different Classis

Item 10, p. 41. Instructs the Stated Clerk to devote the third page of the cover of the Synodical Minutes to an advertisement of Greensburg Female Seminary.

Item 11, p. 42. Instructs the Classes to call the attention of the members to the rule of Synod respecting their duty to attend the Sessions of Synod.

Item 12. The terms of service of the following members of the different Boards expire at this meeting of Synod.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—Rev. G. B. Russell D. D.

Board of St. Paul Orphan Home.—Revs. Jno. McConnell, D. S. Dieffen-

bacher and Elders C. M. Bousch and T. J. Craig. Vacancies are also occasioned by the resignations of Revs. J. Dotterer and T. F. Stauffer.

Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions. Revs. J. I. Swander, T. J. Barkley and J. M. Titzel.

Board of Beneficiary Education. Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.

Board of Missions. Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.

Respectfully submitted

T. J. Barkley,
J. McConnell,
H. Hoffman,
W. G. King,
Peter Johnson,

The Report was considered by items, with the following result :

Items 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, were tabled until the Committee on Minutes of Classes report, after which all these items were adopted and the injunction contained in item 11, was reiterated.

Item 3. Under this item the members of the Board were called upon and it was ascertained that all had attended to this duty. The instruction was reiterated. *Item* 4, adopted. *Items* 7 and 9, attended to. *Item*, 12, adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully offer the following :

Requests.

Item 1. St. Paul Classis requests Synod to exonerate her from all her indebtedness, and hereafter allow her to carry forward her Mission and Beneficiary work independent of Synod.

Item 2. p. 34. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to overture the General Synod, to add a column to the statistical table for erasures from the Church registers, made as prescribed in article 115, sec. 3, chap. 2, part 3 of the constitution.

Item 3. p. 38. Allegheny Classis requests to be exonerated from paying any part of the \$1000 indemnity appropriated to the settlement of the publication interests.

Item 4. p. 10. Somerset Classis requests Synod to correct its error and rescind its action in voting indemnity to Dr. G. B. Russell.

Item 5. p. 11. Somerset Classes requests to be exonerated from paying \$350, of the last Synodical apportionment.

Item 6. p. 14. Somerset Classes requests Synod to create an office and elect an officer who shall have the exclusive supervision of vacant charges ; by whose recommendation alone any minister shall visit a vacant charge with a view to becoming its pastor ; and to whom all applications shall be made for pastors. Such officer shall not have a regular pastoral charge, but shall devote himself exclusively to this work and receive a salary.

Item 7. p. 14. Somerset Classis requests Synod to institute such a system of Finance by which a respectable and uniform salary may be secured to each pastor having a regular charge, and any pastor's salary shall vary from this only by special agreement between himself and the people concerned.

Subjects Referred.

Item 8. The Classes adopted all the requests except the cases referred to above.

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 9. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. S. Z. Beam from St. Joseph Classis, suspended Rev. L. B. Leasure, and ordained J. W. Knappenberger.

Item 10. Clarion Classis received Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. B. Thompson from Allegheny Classis, and the Licentiate, W. H. Diefenderfer from East Pennsylvania Classis and ordained him to the gospel ministry. Dismissed Rev. J. Dotterer to West Susquehanna Classis, and erased the name of Rev. L. Christ from the roll.

Item 11. St. Paul Classis received Rev. J. W. Pontious from West Susquehanna Classis, and Dismissed Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher to Philadelphia Classis.

Item 12. Somerset Classis dismissed Rev. W. Rupp to the Maryland Classis.

Item 13. Allegheny Classis received Rev. J. M. Souder from Maryland Classis.

Place and Time of next Annual Meeting.

Item 14. Westmoreland Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Salem, Westmoreland County, Pa., June 14, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. John McConnell, President; Rev. J. F. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

Item 15. Clarion Classis will meet in Monroeville, Clarion County, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. Hoffman, President; Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Stated Clerk.

Item 16. St. Paul Classis will meet in Brown's Church, Crawford County, Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. May, President; Rev. D. D. Leberman, Stated Clerk.

Item 17. Somerset Classis will meet in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. U. Heilman, President; Rev. H. F. Keener, Stated Clerk.

Item 18. Allegheny Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Henshaw's, Butler County, Pa., on the first Wednesday in May, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Joseph Hannaberry, President; Rev. W. F. Lichliter, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,
H. F. KEENER,
F. P. HARTMETZ,
GEORGE WEIR,
SIMON KUNKLE.

The report was considered item by item, with the following result:

Item 1. After prolonged discussion, the subject was tabled until the Committee on Missions reported. The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That Synod does not deem it expedient to grant the request of St. Paul Classis.

Resolved, That in cases of special emergency they be allowed to use of their benevolent funds for the relief of suffering interests, and that credit be given them in the Treasurer's account when vouchers are sent.

Items 2, 8—18 were adopted. *Items 3 and 4,* were referred to a Special Committee which reported in due time, but their report was substituted by the following action:

Whereas, Synod by an almost unanimous vote at its meeting at Irwin, agreed to pay Dr. G. B. Russell one thousand dollars indemnity for

loss claimed by him in view of its action with regard to its Publication interests, and

Whereas, the officers of Synod have since, according to its instructions, given Dr. Russell a note and an order for the same as by agreement, and accordingly Synod is both morally and legally bound to pay said one Thousand Dollars, *therefore, Resolved*, That this Synod cannot comply with the requests of the Classes of Allegheny and Somerset.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby is instructed to apportion said one Thousand Dollars on the different Classes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Classes be earnestly requested to make provision for the payment of their respective apportionments of said sum. The yeas and nays on this action were called for and were recorded as follows : *Yeas*,—Revs. J. W. Love, J. M. Titzel, J. McConnell, S. Z. Beam, H. Hoffman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. K. Kline, W. C. B. Shulenberger, W. H. Diefenderfer, C. R. Dieffenbacher, F. P. Hartmetz, J. H. Apple, F. Pilgram, J. May, J. W. Pontious, F. A. Edmonds, J. W. Alspach, J. M. Souder and Elders, W. R. Barnhart, W. G. King, Simon Kunkle, Peter Johnson, Adam Smith, Nicholas Reefer, Edwin Ash, Samuel Flaugh, S. H. Dieffenderfer, David Shakely, 28.—*Nays*,—Revs. H. F. Keener, A. E. Truxal, W. H. Bates, T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer, H. D. Darbaker, W. F. Lichliter and Elders, James Fulmer, C. M. Bousch, George Weir, J. B. Hillegass, Cornelius Beuchley, 12. H. Bair, non liquet.

Item 5. The request was not granted, but was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Items 6 and 7, were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. M. Titzel, T. F. Stauffer and W. H. Bates. This committee reported that Synod does not deem it expedient to comply with these requests, which report was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

RTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following report :

Item 1. A letter from Rev. J. Dotterer informing Synod of his removal from its bounds, and his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

Item 2. Request from Rev. C. U. Heilman to be excused for absence from the sessions of Synod.

Item 3. Similar request from Rev. F. R. Schwedes.

Item 4. Similar request from Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Item 5. Similar request from Rev. J. J. Pennepacker.

Item 6. Similar request from Rev. James Grant.

Item 7. Rev. D. B. Lady asks for an order on the Treasurer of Synod for \$3.00, the amount of expenses incurred in attending a meeting of the Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod at Allegheny, Sept. 20—1877.

Respectfully submitted

W. F. Lichliter,
J. W. Pontious,
W. C. B. Shulenberger,
Adam Smith,
C. M. Bicehouse.

The report was considered by items with the following result :

Item 1. The resignation was accepted, and the vacancy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted and the requests granted.
Item 7. Adopted and the officers authorized to give such order.
 The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following is the report of the Committee as adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, would report that no duties claiming the attention of this committee during these sessions were laid upon them.

We have therefore no items to bring before the Synod for action.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. B. Russell,
 C. R. Dieffenbacher,
 A. E. Truxal,
 Jac. B. Hillegass,
 Cornelius Beuchley.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Report of the Committee as received and adopted.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:—

With a view to correct the errors of the past, and stimulate us to greater activity in the future, it is both our duty and privilege, at the close of each annual meeting of Synod, to consider and report upon the present state of morals and religion in the Church of which we are office-bearers.

In looking over the different classical reports which sum up the results, and give us a picture of what has been done, we may well feel humbled before God, and confess, with penitent hearts, that we have not done all that we might have done for the cultivation of the Lord's vineyard in which we have been called to labor.

We may modestly claim, however, that there has been brought to our work, the honest purpose, the sincere desire, and a persevering effort to do whatsoever our hands have found to do. From a human standpoint our ministers have been faithful in the work of their sacred office, and, as a whole, they have done all, perhaps, that could reasonably be demanded of them by the people they serve; but with all this, their imperfections and failures have been many and great in the sight of the Lord who justly demands of us an absolutely perfect service. It becomes us therefore each year to strive, if possible, to be still more earnest, zealous and faithful in the work committed to our charge and care.

We are glad to say there is great reason for encouragement to labor on in our appointed spheres. The state of morals and religion among our people seems to be reasonably good—as good as at any previous time in our history, and compares most favorably with that of other denominations around us. As far as we have means of judging, peace and harmony prevail throughout all our borders, our people are regular and attentive in their attendance upon divine worship and in their observance of the holy sacraments. There has been a slight increase in the total number of our membership. About the same amount as in the previous year was contributed to the various benevolent objects of the church, while there has been a large increase to local objects, and pastor's salary.

All the reports speak of there being much room for improvement in benevolent and other church operations; also that there is still much

ground within our bounds that may be occupied by our church for Christ and His cause. Ministers, Elders and people must not forget that the mission of the church is to be instrumental in saving the world, and that in this glorious work we are called to take active part. Until the world has been entirely redeemed from sin, the time cannot come when we can afford to slacken our efforts, or sit down at ease.

Earnest, arduous, persevering labor is constantly demanded. We should endeavor to realize more and more that in body and soul, property and life, we belong unto Christ, and so be willing to spend and be spent in His service.

If the world is to be saved, it must be through the constant, willing, earnest activity of the church, bringing its divine power and grace to bear upon individuals and upon the world at large. The church is the only grace-bearing, saving institution to be found among men; yea, there is no other balm or physician to heal the sin-sick soul, save "the balm of Gilead and the Physician there." Humanitarian schemes have been invented, and human means have been employed to relieve the ills and evils that afflict society; and, from a worldly standpoint, they may accomplish good; but the church has within her the means and appliances necessary to reach the same end, and in a far better way. We propose, therefore, in the future, as in the past, to hold up the church of Christ as the only saving institution, and her means of grace as the only effectual remedy for sin. In and through these divine ordinances Christ Himself works for the salvation of men, the church being the continuation of Christ's divine-human life and the outward manifestation of His saving presence.

During the past year one of our number, Rev. Charles H. Hoffmier, has been called upon to lay down his shepherd's crook, and has entered upon his eternal reward. We are thus reminded that we too should be always ready to go at the Master's call. Soon He will say, if we are faithful, as under shepherds, "It is enough, come up higher."

We also learn that Rev. Dr. N. P. Hacke, the oldest minister within the bounds of our Synod, and who has served the 1st Greensburg charge for fifty seven years,—has been disabled by the infirmities of age from serving longer in the ranks of the active ministry. We pray God that, if it be his will, the evening of Father Hacke's life may be free from bodily suffering, and that the consolations of that religion which it was his privilege to minister to others, may be his also in fullest measure.

With devout gratitude to the Triune God for his goodness and love in the gifts of His providence and grace, we close our report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Love.	} Committee
J. M. Souder,	
M. H. Diefenderfer,	
David Shakely,	
W. R. Barnhart	

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

*Reverend and Dear Brethren :—*At the close of another year of missionary work by our Synod, I hereby submit for your consideration a general statement, in the way of report, respecting the same.

Synod of the United States,

Though this is our oldest Synod, the fruitful mother of the others, the home of the earliest and largest Reformed Settlement in the land, yet it has now, and owing to its including so many large towns and cities within its territory, will likely continue to have a goodly proportion of the whole number of our missions within its bounds. During the year there were *fifteen*, all of them, with two exceptions, in cities or thriving towns.

Catasauqua, Pa. John J. Christ, pastor. The late pastor of this mission, Rev. A. B. Koplin after a number of years, spent in hard and successful labor, accepted a call from the Hellertown charge. His successor finds, however, still much to do: has so far found favor with his people and the community. English and German. App. old \$600; new \$350.

Allentown, Pa. Christ Church, Jared Fritzinger, Pastor. This Mission is but little more than a year old. It has been in large part a labor of love with its pastor. Its members have suffered from lack of work, and as times brighten its prospects will doubtless brighten. Has a good Sunday School. German. App. \$300.

Easton, Pa. Grace Church. Daniel Y. Heisler, pastor. Gaining in membership, consistence, and self-consciousness. English. App. \$200.

Reading, Pa. St. John's, John W. Steinmetz, pastor. This Congregation has its large church and parsonage about completed. It is well located, the only drawback to which is a heavy debt. Has been highly prosperous, and looks toward a useful and influential future. English and German. App. \$400.

Shenandoah City Pa. Vacant. For several years past this mission was served by the Rev. E. D. Miller with great self-denial and a good degree of success. The congregation is now supplied by a committee of Lebanon Classis. German and English. App. \$300.

Philadelphia. St. John's. J. Samuel Vandersloot, pastor. Steady, wisely directed work has always been necessary in this mission. It labors under peculiar difficulties: and yet it has many valuable elements of strength in it, and undoubted opportunities of growth before it, if they can only be utilized. The present pastor has taken charge within the year, and it cannot yet be seen to what extent blessings will attend his labors. English. App. \$300.

Wyoming, Delaware. E. H. Dieffenbacher, pastor. The membership of this mission is growing. A visit to Caroline county, Md., has shown that most likely a congregation can be organized in that section, which might for some time at least, be served by the pastor at Wyoming. For many reasons we believe that before long, a separate charge may be formed in the Eastern shore of Maryland, as many of our people are buying land in Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot and Caroline counties. English. App. \$300.

Harrisburg, Pa. Second Church. George W. Snyder, pastor. Nothing marked occurred in this mission during the year. It has a good location, a fine building, and an inviting future. English. App. \$300.

Harrisburg, Pa. Zwingli. Wm. T. Gerhard, pastor. The late pastor, Rev. Moritz Noll, followed a call to Ohio in the early part of the year. Then came a long vacancy. The veteran Father Gerhard has now taken charge, and judging from his success at Lancaster, in a similar work, we may predict prosperity for this congregation. German. App. \$250.

Columbia, Pa. Conrad Clever, pastor. Congregation doing well. Growing internally in character and externally in membership. App. old \$100; new \$50.

Overton, Pa. Vacant. German and English. App. \$75. Should be supplied soon, or will greatly suffer.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. Vacant. The English mission in this place was organized under the name of Trinity last January. For a short time previous Rev. J. B. Shontz had been laboring here, and getting things ready for this event. He was liked by his people, and gathered a membership of some forty by spring, when, with the consent of the Executive Council he retired from the mission. The appropriation was at the rate of \$600.

Liverpool, Pa. Willoughby Donat, pastor. This brother has done well. The field is now self-sustaining since June last. The appropriation for the last year was \$80. English and German.

Lock Haven, Pa. Church of the Resurrection. Isaac S. Stahr, pastor. Vacant from May to October. A German congregation, heretofore independent, located four miles from Lock Haven, has been received by West Susquehanna Classis, and connected with this mission. This necessitated the calling of a pastor who could use readily both the English and the German language. App. old \$400; new \$300. As Superintendent I feel constrained to express my full conviction that the sum of \$300, appropriation to this mission is entirely inadequate, and should be raised to \$400, at the earliest possible date.

Lansdale, Pa. Supplied by a committee of Tokichon Classis in connection with the Superintendent of missions. The main part of the ministerial labor has hitherto been done by the Rev. Jacob Kehm. The new church, a gem in its way, is finished. There has been a good work done here in unfavorable times.

Of these missions in the Eastern Synod one,—the Liverpool—has become self-supporting during the year. Several of the others are almost at that point; while others again will need help for several years to come, and well deserve that help. Lansdale has not cost us any appropriation, and will doubtless be connected with a neighboring charge.

Pittsburgh Synod.

By the organization of the German West Pennsylvania Classis out of the membership of this Synod, and the transfer of its missions to the Eastern German Synod, the number of missions in the Pittsburgh Synod has been largely decreased. There are now seven; though in addition to these, two of the classes support each one or two weak charges with missionary aid on their own responsibility.

Kittanning, Pa. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Self-supporting since last June. Has been very prosperous. English. App. last year—\$165.

Titusville, Pa. J. Heberle, pastor. New life and energy seem to have come to this congregation. The pastor has a large field of usefulness both in Titusville and in the surrounding towns. German. App. \$150.

Cumberland, Md. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This has come to be a solid interest. Besides the main congregation in Cumberland there is a branch congregation in Keyser city. German. App. old \$350; new \$300.

Scottsdale, Pa. Samuel Z. Beam, pastor. Mission in this place has been doing well. Ought, however, to be connected with some neighboring congregations to make it self-supporting within reasonable time. English. App. old, \$250; new \$200.

Pittsburgh, Pa. First church. W. F. Lichliter, pastor. This congregation has not always run a smooth course. It has had to contend with serious internal and external difficulties. These anterior to the coming of the present pastor. If this congregation, always self-supporting, with the exception of a short period, is to be saved to the Reformed Church, all who are concerned with it, will have to act discreetly, energetically and with a liberal hand. English. App. \$400.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity, J. M. Souder, pastor. Suffered from hard times, like many other missions. The pastor is liked by his people and looks hopefully to the future. English. App. \$250, continued.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Zion's. H. D. Darbaker, pastor. The number of members has been increased during the year. General harmony prevails. English. App. \$300. continued.

Of the missions of the Pittsburgh Synod, here enumerated one—that in Kittanning—has become self-supporting during the year. The others will need more or less continuous help for several years to come. They are all located in prominent places.

Synod of the Potomac.

The missions of this Synod are *ten* in number. Generally speaking they have done well.

Duncannon, Pa. U. H. Heilman, pastor. This charge has made progress during the year. The people of the congregations have commendably gone to work and aided the pastor, which fact has greatly encouraged him. English and German. App. old \$300; new \$200.

Winchester, Va. Charles G. Fisher, pastor. A material improvement in this charge has been the purchase, on favorable terms, of a suitable parsonage. The mission has also otherwise made progress. English. App. old \$350; new \$250.

Orbisonia, Pa. John M. Schick, pastor. In this mission, consisting of several small congregations, one new church is building, and one old one purchased is undergoing repairs. Solid work has been done here. English. App. old \$200; new \$150.

Chambersburg, Pa. St. John's. Carl Gundlach, pastor. A small congregation to which a number of members have been added during the year. German. App. \$100; new \$75.

Sulphur Springs, Pa. W. Augustus Gring, pastor. The brother laboring in this field is greatly encouraged. The people have built a parsonage. Future hopeful. English. App. \$200; continued.

Washington, D. C. St. Stephen's. Supplied by the Superintendent of missions for near two years, aided by a committee appointed by Maryland classis. For more than a year past regular services every two weeks as a rule, except during the hot season. Organization made amid much good feeling on Sunday October 7; one confirmed, one received on profession of faith; and the Holy Communion, with goodly attendance, celebrated on the evening of the same day. The Board has resolved that the appropriation be \$1000—; and that a missionary shall be commissioned as soon as a suitable man can be procured. (See under this head a separate item near the close of the report.)

Pacific Coast Mission.

San Francisco, Cal. John H. Krueger, pastor. There are evident signs of life in the Mission here. The people are subscribing for the relief of their church debt with the expectation of help from the East. Some members have also been added. Sunday School in good condition. German. App. \$300—; new \$225.

Napa, Cal. Frederick Fox, pastor. Not much change in this mission. The pastor has been heavily afflicted by the loss of his wife, who deserves kindest remembrance in this connection inasmuch as she led a life of great usefulness to the mission itself. German and English. App. old \$400; new \$310.

Portland, Oregon. John John Gantenbein, pastor. Suitable lots for church and parsonage have been bought, and a chapel is in course of erection. It is expected that very little debt will remain after the chapel is completed. Thus the mission will get a permanent character.

It is centrally located, also, for exerting an influence over other communities in the State. German. App. old \$500 ; new \$400.

Salem, Oregon. J. Muellhaupt, pastor. The effort in this field has been to organize one or two congregations, toward which end fair progress has been made. The difficulties in the way are however, also numerous—a fact not to be overlooked. The pastor has to undergo many privations. German. App. \$300, continued.

Summary.

Missions in Synod in the United States.	15
“ “ Pittsburgh Synod,	7
“ “ Synod of the Potomac,	10
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Total	32

Miscellaneous Items.

Iowa missions. There are several missions in Iowa Classes sustained in part by funds coming from these Synods. As they are in no way under our control, we have no report from them.

Mission Territory. I cannot let this opportunity pass without calling the attention of the Synods to the promising territory for founding mission congregations, which is more and more opening to the Reformed church. Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh have an open door for us to enter. In each one, or its immediate suburbs, a new congregation could be organized at any time we chose to do it. Delaware, Eastern Maryland and Virginia are receiving a large influx of Reformed immigration from the older settlements. The same is measurably true of Tennessee; and very largely true of Texas, whither whole colonies from East Pennsylvania, for example, are going now, and many more are likely to go. We should lay hold of all these localities in good time.

Washington, D. C. The English interest in this city, as elsewhere in this report noticed, has now obtained form under the name of St. Stephen's congregation, organized on Sunday, October 7th, 1877 with twenty odd members.

Two elders and two deacons were elected, confirmation was had, and the first communion celebrated. Those acquainted with the facts know that much and long-continued labor, patience and hopefulness were demanded to bring about this happy issue; *an event of more than ordinary consequence to our entire church.* The committee having the interest in charge, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Geo. L. Staley, Joel T. Rossiter and the Superintendent of missions, had a meeting in Washington city and asked me to bring the following requests of said committee, unanimously adopted, to the special attention of our three Synods, which I herewith do.

1. The committee asks that an appropriation of \$1500 per annum be voted by the Synods to the support of a suitable pastor for this important field; the contributions of Maryland classis to go direct to the covering of this sum so far as they reach. For a less sum than this the committee are confident no suitable pastor, having a family to support, can be secured.

2. That the three Synods pledge themselves to raise in the way of church extension for securing a lot and chapel for this St. Stephen's congregation the sum of \$5,000. This the committee suggests to be divided among the Synods as follows:

Synod in the United States,	\$3000
“ of the Potomac,	1500
Pittsburgh Synod,	500

Reflections.

By the first of December next four years will have passed since our present Board of missions officially and actively began its work. That was the term, too, for which the Superintendent was elected, and for which substantially unchanged the Board itself was to continue. *What did we find then?* A mission Board in the two Easternmost Synods, a mission board in the Pittsburgh Synod, and mission Boards or committees acting as such in a number of the classes. Furthermore, we found a debt of over \$5000, owing by these several Boards and classes, and a current expense account in the neighborhood of \$13,000 per annum, with an income considerably below it, and the missionary cause on the high tide to manifold embarrassments. To crown all, we stood at the threshold of a panic, unexampled, for sapping everything in the history of our country.

And what have we done?

We have driven out of existence this wilderness of mission Boards.

We have succeeded, after two years effort, in getting all the classes—except North Carolina—to co-operate with the Board of these Synods. This was one of the most difficult things in the history of our church practically to accomplish; and, from indications, it will be found one of the most difficult things to keep accomplished in the future. Yet it is fundamental to all true, permanent success in the work.

We have reduced the running expenses from \$13000 to a little over \$9000—per annum; and support about as many promising missions as were supported with the original larger sum.

In a number of Classes the sums contributed for missions have been steadily rising; in others they have been stationary; and in several they have fallen off we are sorry to say, caused, however, it is said by the brethren in those classes by extra severity of the times in their localities.

We have proved that the claims of the several classes, and the claims of a General Board can be harmonized by proper mediation, wherever that mediation is allowed to come in, and its agreements are generally supported by both parties.

But—

Well, the present arrangement has left much undone. It has doubtless been guilty of sins of omission; and of commission, too. I presume no sensible person expected it to meet all wants and stop all woes in our missionary work. Four years are too short a period for that. Besides, the general plan, while I hold it, as a whole, to be the best by far we have hitherto inaugurated, has shown some serious defects in its working, as might have been expected. The principal defect consists beyond all reasonable question, in the *accidental system of brakes*, as I might most expressively call it, external and internal, which has greatly obstructed its efficiency, and defeated some of the plainest ends it was intended to meet. And in any reconstruction that may be attempted, it should be borne in mind that any cause having the limited propelling force of our missionary work cannot bear many brakes, multiplied checks. The object should be to eliminate them, wherever possible. Again, the vigorous carrying forward of our missionary operations demands a free, untrammelled executive head, to whom Boards are advisory, but the Synods alone are mandatory. Let it be the President of the Board, let it be a numerically small committee, selected wisely for the purpose; let it be a General Superintendent. Any of these especially the first or the last might and would do. But let it never be, if the work is to be done, any two or all three of them.

As with the expiration of my term of service by the first of December I intend to enter the ranks of our active pastors, I hereby thank the

Synods for the confidence reposed in me and the general kindness bestowed upon me in the responsible position I have occupied.

Respectfully submitted,

F. K. LEVAN,

Superintendent of Missions.

STATEMENT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

Fathers and Brethren,

The Superintendent of missions will furnish you with a detailed account of our united work for the Synodical year that has just closed. We as a Board desire to make the following additional statements of results, at the close of this first period of our joint work. And, whilst we cannot present such a flattering statement of results as we desire to do, yet we feel assured that sufficient has been accomplished by this united working of Missions, by the three Synods, as to encourage us to continue the plan, with the hope of something better in the future. And with this conviction, at our last annual meeting Oct. 15, 1877, we adopted the following resolution; to wit,

Resolved, "That this Board recommends to the several Synods which created the Board, that the present (Tri-Synodic union) plan of missionary operations be continued."

When we began this united work, or rather by the time we got into working order the plan by which we proposed to do the work, the three Synods had assigned us, almost six months of the first year had elapsed. We started with an empty Treasury, and had 36 missions placed under our care, located at different places, across the entire continent. Some of which missions, owing to peculiar circumstances we have found difficult to manage to this day. And by the time we had gotten into full operation, from four to five thousand dollars was due our Missionaries above the amount that had come into our Treasury from voluntary offerings whilst the amount needed to cover the current expenses of the first year was nearly \$13000.

Besides this, it will be remembered, that up to the time we began this united work, the Synods in the several sections of the church, had their Boards, and many of the classes had the same; all of which was calculated to create confusion in the missionary work of the church, consequently, there were many private claims first to be settled, and arrangements made, before all could heartily enter into this work. Whilst the unsettled financial condition of the country, and the panic which soon followed, increased our embarrassment.

These synodical, classical, and local hindrances, have in a large measure passed away by time and mutual forbearance, if the financial condition of the country has not improved. And there is but one classis in our three Synods now that does not co-operate with us. Another of the classes of late has resolved to pay appropriations to the missions in her bounds first and then send us her surplus funds; yet these brethren we feel assured will see ere long the wisdom of co-operating with the rest of the church in this blessed work.

During these four years we have had forty-six missions under our care—some however for only part of the time. Of these four have become self-supporting; nine, a year ago were transferred to the Board of the German Synod; and four have been discontinued. We have received during this time ten new missions, so that now, after these transfers and discontinuances, we have twenty-nine missions remaining under the care of our Board.

We have reduced the expenses of the Board for the current year from the \$13000, of the first year, to \$9330. And although we have not so

large a number, still we have as many promising missions as before. And, but for the financial embarrassment of the country, that interrupted our plans, we should, not only be out of debt, but have occupied more territory, that said "come over and help us."

And yet we feel thankful to a kind providence, that we have been able to do, what we did in the face of these hindrances we had to encounter from within and without. We may, ourselves have been to blame for some of these hindrances, but we are conscious at the same time to have acted to the best of our judgment.

Much of the apportionments made by the Synods upon the classes for missions during these four years remains unpaid; this neglect on the part of the church, leaves us indebted to our missionaries about \$7,000. To this deficit we call your serious attention, and that of each of the Synods represented in this Board. And, we earnestly entreat you to take measures at once, to have this deficit collected, and paid as speedily as possible into the Treasury, in order, that we may pay the servants of the church their just dues, some of whom are suffering, and in many instances they need it for bread for their families.

We shall need for the purpose of carrying on our mission work for the coming year, exclusive of the present indebtedness \$9,330. And in order to meet our indebtedness and current expenses, we shall need \$16,330. If the full apportionment of last year had been paid, we should now be free of debt, and all our missions paid; and if the deficit on the apportionments which the Synods made in 1874-5 were now paid into the Treasury we could continue all our missions for this year, and not ask the church for one dollar. The Synods may ask us to explain how came this debt, and how does it continue to increase? Figures from the Treasurer's printed reports, and his present report, will make the reply for us.

At the meeting of the Synods in 1873, when the present plans of operation were adopted no apportionments were made. At the end of that year he reported \$8,164 received from the three synods, and that \$4,000 was still wanting to pay the dues for the year that had then closed. In 1874 the synods apportioned \$14,000, of which they paid, says the report \$9,664. In that year the Synod of the United States fell short of the

appropriation assumed.....	\$1,273
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	1,275
The Synod of the Potomac.....	1,788
Total.....	\$4,336

In 1875 the Synods apportioned among themselves \$15,000, of which they paid to meet indebtedness and current expenses \$10,022, leaving a deficit of \$4,978. In which the Synod of the

United States fell short.....	\$2,509
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	1,233
Synod of the Potomac.....	1,236
Total.....	\$4,978

In 1876 the Synods again appropriated \$15,000, of this amount to this date, only \$7,997.51 has been paid in, leaving a deficit for the year just closed of \$7,002.48.

Should the Synods secure the payment only of the apportionment of last year, you perceive, the debt would be paid, and you would now only have to provide for the \$9,330, for current expenses, of the coming year.

In the two years of 1875-6 the

Synod of the United States fell short of its pledge.....	\$3,782
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	2,508
Synod of Potomac.....	3,024

Total..... \$9,314

Add to this the deficit of this year now closed— \$7,002.45
and we have the amount of..... \$16,316.43

This would pay all our indebtedness, and support our missionaries for the coming year. If you will provide for this by another appropriation, then we suggest that the

Synod of the United States provide.....	\$9,000
“ of Pittsburgh.....	2,830
„ of the Potomac.....	4,500

If only one half of our communicant membership, now in these three Synods 81,309, would give at an average 50 cents each this year for missions, we should have over \$20,000 for this cause.

The term for which the Superintendent was elected is about to expire.

The Synods have made it our duty to nominate a successor. We have unanimously agreed, to suggest to you the name of the Rev. Dr. Theodore Apple of the Synod of the United States to fill that office for the coming term.

And whilst we unite with all Christians in the prayer “Lord send more laborers into thy vineyard,” we cannot, but add to our prayer, that our people may properly understand what is their duty, in regard to the missionary work of the Church, and have grace, to give more liberally of their means as God has prospered them. And unto His name be all the glory, in the church, world without end. Amen.

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

York, October 8th, 1877.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave, most respectfully, to submit the following Report of the finances of the Board for the year ending October 8th, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$385.84
“ Goshenhoppen.....	1039.76
“ East Pennsylvania.....	253.19
“ Lebanon.....	1290.66
“ Lancaster.....	594.67
“ West Susquehanna.....	338.38
“ East Susquehanna.....	424.13

Total from Synod of the United States..... \$4326.63

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion.....	\$970.13
“ Maryland.....	1093.72
“ Mercersburg.....	382.63

Total from Synod of the Potomac..... \$2146.48

Amount carried over..... \$6473.11

Amount brought over,

\$6473.11

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Allegheny.....	\$120.00	
" " Clarion.....	36.00	
" " Somerset.....	275.40	
From Treasurer of Synod.....	825.00	
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Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh.....		\$1256.40
From California Classis.....		9.80
" Miscellaneous Sources.....		258.26
Balance in Treasury October 9, 1877.....		633.72
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Total from all sources.....		\$8631.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

By orders of the Board paid during the year.....	\$7897.29	
" amount paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	163.16	
" Balance due the Board.....	570.84	\$8631.29
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I have also received during the year the following named sums on account of subscriptions made to Rev. John Gantenbein for church extension on the Pacific coast, viz:

Tohickon Classis, Rev. D. Rothrock.....	\$135.00	
Lancaster " " Mrs. George Small.....	57.37	
" " " Ref. Salem ch. Hbg.....	50.00	
" " " George Z. Kunkle ".....	100.00	
" " " Wm. H. Seibert ".....	50.00	
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		\$392.37

This sum has been appropriated towards the payment of a lot of ground in Portland, Oregon, purchased by Rev. John Goutenbein.

Very Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT,
Treasurer.

Harrisburgh, Pa., October 8th, 1877.

Harrisburgh Pa. October 9th 1877. I do hereby certify that I examined the preceding account comparing it with the vouchers and found it to be correct—leaving a balance of five hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-four cents. (\$570.84) in the Treasury.

D. W. GROSS, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions would offer the following report: The papers referred to us were the annual report of the Superintendent of Missions and a report of the Board.

Item 1. We recommend that both these reports be published in full in our printed Minutes.

Item 2. The Board by resolution recommends to the Synod that the present Tri-Synodic union plan of Missionary operations be continued; we propose the adoption of this recommendation.

Item 3. From the Statement of the Board we learn the fact that the three Synods, in the years of 1875-6-7 fell short of the amounts assumed to the sum of \$16316.43. The Board say that this sum would pay their

present indebtedness and support the Missionaries for the coming year. They suggest further that if the Synods will provide for the indebtedness of the Board and the current expenses of the year, Pittsburgh Synod shall provide for \$2830.

Inasmuch as we believe that the largest part of the arrearages of Pittsburgh Synod will yet be paid, we recommend that Synod apportion to the Classes only \$1500 additional for Missionary purposes.

Item 4. The Board has nominated Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel to fill the office of Superintendent of Missions for the coming term. We recommend his election by this Synod.

Item 5. In regard to the requests made by the Superintendent of Missions in behalf of a committee having in charge the English Mission at Washington D. C., asking the Synods to vote \$1500 per annum towards the support of a pastor for this field, and to pledge themselves to raise \$5000 for the purpose of securing a lot and chapel for this St. Stephen congregation, we offer the following for adoption: That however much we desire to give our aid to that important interest, yet taking the financial condition of our Synod into consideration, we do not feel ourselves justifiable in assuming anything in addition to the regular and legitimate work of benevolence of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Truxal,
T. F. Stauffer,
A. K. Kline,
J. B. Hillegass,
Peter Johnson,

The report was taken up by items and adopted as recorded. Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel was declared to be the choice of this Synod for Missionary Superintendent.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN U. S.:

Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit their annual report to you reverend body, and ask for the suggestions contained herein your earnest consideration.

We regard ourselves as especially charged with the financial affairs of the Institution, and hence our attention is mainly directed towards securing the means for its support. For a few years past, by a judicious use of the funds, we have been able to realize from an interest bearing investment of about \$60,000, an income of say \$4200; but for the past year this has been impossible, and will be impossible also, in our judgment, for years to come. Our income cannot exceed, say, \$3600, and the salaries of the Professors and incidental expenses aggregate about \$4300.00. To meet this deficiency in the income of the Seminary, it is the judgment of your Board that it would be well for your reverend body to authorize us to use the income derived from the so-called building fund, to pay salaries and current expenses. This sum, about \$700.00, will enable us to go forward without involving the Institution in debt, for we feel it to be our duty to state that unless this is done, or some *actual* provision made to increase the regular income, the Seminary will become involved to the amount of \$700.00 annually.

For your information we may state that a large proportion of the

fund now known and carried along as the Building Fund, was originally subscribed for "Endowment or Removal," but while this would clearly give us the right to pass the aggregate of such notes to the endowment fund, yet, in our judgment, it is not best to pursue this course. We prefer to hold this fund intact and use only the interest for the support of the Institution.

During the past year the Seminary has received but little towards its permanent endowment. More has been given for beneficiary education, and while we know that the members of the church are free to give as they please, we also believe that they can be largely influenced by judicious counsel from the pulpit, and by the utterances of Synod. We suggest, therefore, that the Pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon annually on the necessity for an educated ministry, and for the support of the Seminary; and also to use their personal influence with those of their members who intend leaving legacies for benevolent purposes, to induce them to aid the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. We believe some good would be accomplished in this direction if Synod would pass a minute on the subject, and direct its publication in the papers of the church.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, will explain the financial condition of the Institution, and of the various funds in our hands as a Board.

D. W. Grosss, *President*,
Edward J. Zahm, *Secretary*,
Jno. B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

Lancaster, Pa., October 2nd, 1877.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary in account with
Smaltz Fund.*

DR.

1877. Principal is.....		\$5000.00
Oct. 1. For interest received to date.....	260.00	
Balance due per Report, Oct. 17, 1876.....	54.39	

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877. By sundry payments to date per vouchers.....	\$325.00
Oct. 1, 1877. Balance due Treasurer.....	10.61

Building Fund of Theological Seminary.

1876.		
Oct. 17. For amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$11,480.50	
1877.		
Oct. 1. Amount received to date.....	542.25	
" 1. 1st agency notes paid.....	127.79	
" 1. 2nd " " ".....	70.75	740.79
Oct. 1, 1877, total of Fund.....	\$12,221.20	

Pittsburgh Synod Professor Fund.

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$ 1,501.59
" 28, 1876, " " " Rev. Abner Dale's bequest.....	100.00
Feb. 3, 1877 " " " A. Stewart's note paid.....	26.62
Oct. 1, 1877 " " " interest received to date.....	90.09
	\$1,718.30

Library Fund of Theological Seminary. .

Oct. 17, 1876, for amount of Fund.....	\$1,862.50
" 1. 1877, " sundry interests received to date.....	119.65
" " balance due per report to Board.....	31.45
	<hr/> \$151.10

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877, by sundry bills paid per vouchers.....	47.20
Oct. 1. 1877, balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$103.90

Endowment Fund Account.

Oct. 17, 1876 for amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$64,277.41
" 18, 1876 " " " Rev. M. A. Smith.....	17.00
Nov. 25, 1876 " " " Geo. P. Hartzell.....	15.15
Dec. 8, 1876 " " " D. B. Lady.....	50.00
" 27, 1876, " " " Geo. P. Hartzell.....	3.25
Jan. 3, 1877, " " " N. S. Strassburger.....	100.00
May 29, 1877, " " " Geo. W. Synder.....	25.00
	<hr/> 210.40

Oct. 1, 1877, total of Fund..... \$64,487.81

Of this Fund only about \$60,000 is interest bearing.

Current expense account of Theological Seminary from October 17, 1876, to October 1, 1877.

DR.

Oct. 1, 1877, for amount of interest received during the year.....	\$ 3,997.56
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CR.

Oct. 1, 1877, by sundry payments made per vouchers presented	\$ 5,780.32
" 1, " balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 1,782.76
" 1, " collectable interest due to date.....	\$ 1,360.71

October 2, 1877, the foregoing account was carefully audited and found to be correct.

D. W. Gross, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respected Brethren:—During the year that closed in May last the operations of the Seminary were carried forward, as in previous years, peacefully and successfully. No interruption occurred in the regular course of study. Both professors and students were permitted to attend to their respective duties with comfort from the beginning to the close of the year. There was no occasion for the exercise of discipline, and, so far as the faculty were able to judge, no exceptions could be taken to the moral or Christian deportment of the students. They report that they made commendable progress in the prosecution of their studies, and that the prevalent tone of piety and religious earnestness had been as good as that of the previous year. The members of the Board, nearly all of whom were present at the annual meeting were satisfied with the examination of the different classes, as showing diligence and progress on the part of the students. Whilst most of them had enjoyed the benefit of a previous classical culture, it was gratifying to the Board to learn that those who had not been favored with such advantages, had manifested all proper diligence to make up for such advantages by applying themselves the more earnestly to their studies. Some of the latter avail-

ed themselves of the opportunities offered to them in the college and attended the lectures of the college professors in order to make up for defects in their previous training.

At the meeting of the Board a standing rule was adopted, according to which the members of the Senior class will be required hereafter to prepare written Theses on some topic included in their theological course, and to hand them over to the Board of Visitors for examination and criticism some time previous to their final examination. It is believed that this arrangement will be useful in assisting the Board to form a correct estimate of the general culture of the students, whilst it will be of some advantage to them also in their studies.

The number of students on the roll of the Seminary was thirty-three, thirteen in the Senior, eleven in the Middle and nine in the Junior class.

The following new students entered the institution during the year and formed the Junior class: John N. Appel, Robert C. Bowling, Maurice Bowman, S. P. Penrose Brown, Calvin K. Christman, M. D., Thomas J. Hacker, Thomas S. Land, Silas F. Laury, and M. Dumstrey V. Rheinsberg. With one exception they all entered at the opening of the Seminary year. Four are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one of a German Gymnasium, one of a Medical school in Philadelphia, and the other three pursued the special course provided for non-classical students.

The Senior class, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination before the Board, received the usual certificate of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure, with the exception of one, who not intending to apply for license in our Church, received a certificate of honorable dismission. Their names are the following: A. Revallin Bartholomew, Tilghman R. Dietz, Nevin A. Fisher, Henry S. Garner, Henry Keller, Calvin Leinbach, Bloeadus S. Metzger, J. Alvin Reber, Chas. W. E. Siegel, Isaac S. Stahr, George M. Zacharias, Monroe P. Zeller and Louis F. Zinkhan.

Most of the members of this class have received calls to pastoral charges and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry. Some however are still awaiting the call to enter their future sphere of labor. It is a significant fact that owing to the regular increase in the ministry from the different institutions of the Church during the past few years, the supply of ministers at the present time is in excess of the demand. This has never been the case to the same extent before this, we presume, since the organization of our Church as a denomination in this country. It is therefore a matter for gratitude and sincere congratulation, in view of the fact that God has heard the prayers of his people and sent forth laborers into his vineyard. It shows that the efforts of the Church in years gone by to supply our congregations with a suitable ministry have not been in vain in the Lord. But whilst we should be thankful, we ought to be on our guard now lest we slacken our efforts to provide for our spiritual destitutions. Our improved condition in this respect places us as a Church on vantage-ground and puts us in a position to be more aggressive than we have been enabled to be hitherto. It should therefore be regarded as a special call from on high to redouble our exertions to enlarge our borders, to lengthen our cords and to strengthen our stakes. There is much land for us yet to possess; the destitutions still are great and we are debtors both to the Jew and to the Gentile. Instead of allowing our zeal to provide laborers for the great harvest to abate, we should seek rather to refresh and strengthen it. The Lord himself will supply places within our bounds for all whom he calls to labor in his harvest fields.

It becomes our melancholy duty to report the death of brother. Dr.

John Beck, a valuable member of our Board for many years, who fell asleep last April. The Board made a proper note of this sad event by placing a suitable minute of it on the records of its proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,
Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following report: The papers referred the Committee are:

1. The Report of the Board of Visitors. This report represents that thirty-three students were in attendance, and their progress commendable, and that the operations of the Seminary during the year were peacefully and successfully carried forward. The Board report also the decease of Rev. John Beck D. D., a member of the Board.

2. The Report of the Board of Trustees. The report states that for the year past, the income from the funds in the hands of the Board, was insufficient to meet current expenses, and will not be, in their judgment, for some years to come; they therefore suggest that Synod authorize them to use the income from the so-called building fund to make up the deficiency. They suggest further that Synod request the pastors to preach a sermon at least annually on the necessity for an educated ministry and for the support of the Theological Seminary, and use their influence to secure legacies for the endowment fund.

3. The Treasurers Report, which exhibits the financial condition of the Seminary.

Your committee recommend that the following action be taken:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod expresses its gratitude to the Head of the church for the prosperity attending our Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with sincere sorrow the report of the decease of Rev. John Beck, D. D., a member of the Board of Visitors, and records its high appreciation of his faithful services.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices that the supply of ministers in our church is now nearly in proportion to the demand; but that this is no reason for the least abatement of interest or effort in the cause of beneficiary education, and should be no occasion to our young men to hesitate to prepare for and enter the ministry, but rather is the call of God for a larger missionary spirit and activity, and a fuller consecration on the part of our young men to the missionary work, that thus with the increase in the ranks of the ministry, the church may enter and occupy the wide extended field opened to her and ripe for the harvest.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod concurs in any action that the Synod of the Reformed church in the United States may take, authorizing the Board of Trustees to use the income from the so-called Building Fund, to make up the deficiency in the fund for current expenses.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod requests the pastors of the charges within its bounds, to preach annually a sermon on the necessity for an educated ministry, and for the support of the Theological Seminary.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod commends our Theological Seminary to the hearty sympathy and support of ministers and people, and urges all who propose leaving legacies for benevolent purposes, to consider the claims of the Seminary for increased endowment.

Respectfull submitted,

W. F. Lichliter,
D. S. Dieffenbacher,
J. W. Pontious,
James Fulmer,
Nicholas Reefer.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institution.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would offer as their report the following report of the Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary:

The second year of the institution has ended, and the work of education has been faithfully carried forward. Although the opening was not so promising, yet the end proved quite successful. Substantial progress and improvement have been made in all respects. The culture and discipline of the institutions, are fresh and vigorous and are doing an important work on the *pupils*.

The educational power and *peculiar spirit* of the institution are beginning to be felt and recognized not only by the pupils, but also by the community. The character of the institution has been established on the broad basis of Higher education and the standard of Female Education has been elevated accordingly. We are pleased to know that it has been growing in the respect and confidence of the people, and maintains the reputation of a good "Female Seminary." The course of instruction is thorough, *practical and scientific*—the *discipline, mild but positive*—and the general *management* of the institution is *rigidly exact*, and aims at a *sanctified knowledge* of the various branches of an education, a respectable grade of Scholarship and deportment has been maintained by the pupils and commendable progress has been made in all the Departments of the Seminary. It is gratifying to the Teachers to notice the improvement that has been made not only in substantial Scholarship, but also in refinement and true politeness in the conduct of the young *ladies*. Many of the pupils avail themselves of the advantages afforded in the *Ornamental Department* of the institution, thus realizing the idea of a higher education in the *culture and polish* which these give to female accomplishments.

The course of study has been carried forward in the different classes until the prescribed end has been reached in the "*graduation*" of the First class—accordingly the First *commencement* of the institution was observed at the close of the year with appropriate exercises. The class consisted of one pupil, who after sustaining an honorable grade of Scholarship and deportment was formally graduated by conferring upon her the honors and immunities of the Institution.

The present year opened with a more encouraging prospect. The number of pupils in attendance is *fifty-eight*—thirty of whom are in the extra *Department*. The number of Boarding pupils has also been increased. Thus it will be seen that the institution is in a more prosperous condition at present than at any former period of its existence. While it is thus well sustained by *home patronage*, the support from abroad and especially from Reformed families is not what it should be. The advantages it affords as a church school should be more extensively enjoyed by the daughters of our church. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Board of Trustees will so represent its interest to the Synod as to bring its claims more fully to the notice of the church by suitable action of that body. It needs the hearty support and patronage of the church to enable it to accomplish the important work for which it was established, and to make it an entirely successful educational enterprise.

It was thought best to make a change of two members of the Faculty of instruction at the opening of the present year. It is believed that the change made is an advantage and adds strength to the institution by securing more Reformed element to the Teaching force of the School. The Faculty consists of six members—all able and efficient instructors in their respective Departments. We believe that Greensburg Female Seminary justly merits the confidence of the Reformed church and the friends of Christian education generally.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions for reference to Synod.

Lucian Cort, *Principal*.

Greensburg Pa. Sept. 10th, 1877.

We would also add, the Board met and organized in June last, but no other business except that relating to the Institution above referred to claimed our attention.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Love, *President*.

Oct. 12th, 1877.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL ORPHAN HOME.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church:

The Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home offer the following as their annual report:

St. Paul Orphan Home has been in successful operation during the past Synodical year. By the blessing of God its inmates have been preserved in health, clothed, educated, and fed. The Board feels that it should be thankful to the Father of all blessings for the evidence of His special favor and blessing in the past, and asks the Synod to unite with it in thanking God for the great things He has done for us.

But while we thus gratefully acknowledge the Lord's hand, extended in blessing upon our efforts to care for the fatherless, the Board feels itself compelled to report that its operations are greatly hindered because the means are not at hand to enable us to do all we desire in this good work, and all, as we think, this Synod ought to do. There is room for a much greater number of destitute children of the church. Many worthy applications have to be refused, because the Board has not the means to support them. An average of ten dollars from each of our congregations, together with the products of the farm, the amount received from the State for the Soldier's Orphans, and donation from congregations and individuals outside of our Synod, would be enough to enable us to care for, at least seventy-five children. Can not the church furnish that amount? Or must we continue to report that the congregations, within our bounds, do not average five dollars to the Orphan cause?

The Board held two meetings during the present year. At the first, which was a special meeting held in Pittsburgh, in November, Rev. T. F. Stauffer was elected Superintendent, to succeed Rev. J. B. Thompson, who had resigned. Rev. Stauffer took charge of the Home in the beginning of April; and, we are pleased to report has given general satisfaction to the Board, who have full confidence in his ability to superintend our Home efficiently and economically. Our relations with him have, thus far, been pleasant and harmonious, and we request for him the sympathy and co-operation of the members of Synod.

The regular meeting of the Board was held in June, at which everything pertaining to the business of the Home was attended to. The attendance at both meetings was good.

The Board, in conclusion, ask for the prayers and sympathy of Synod

in their effort to carry forward the work of caring for the Orphan, and also that such action be taken as will make it the duty of each congregation to contribute liberally to its support.

The following is the statistical and Financial Statement for the year ending October 1st, 1877.

Number of Soldiers' Orphans,	26
" " Church "	14
Total	40
" " Orphans who have been confirmed,	10
" " " " " " Baptized,	27
Estimated value of farm products.....	\$500
" " Clothing and provision donated	\$51.75
Cash receipts from all sources,.....	\$5,125.60
Cash expenditures,.....	\$5,496.40

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Barkley, *President.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Your committee on Institutions of Learning would report that the following papers came into our hands. The reports of Trustees of Literary Institution, including the report of Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary, and the Report of Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

From the report we learn that the Seminary has a full corps of efficient teachers, and is in every way worthy of the confidence and patronage of the public. We therefore recommend the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That Greensburg Female Seminary is heartily commended to the church and the public, and Pastors and their members are instructed to use their influence in increasing the number of pupils.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod is highly gratified to learn that St. Paul Orphan Home is *efficiently* and *economically* conducted under its present management.

3. *Resolved*, That the ministers and elders constituting this Synod, be urgently requested to make special efforts during the year to secure liberal contributions, for this good cause, from the members of their respective charges.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Z. Beam,

Jno. McConnell,

J. May,

Samuel Flaugh,

W. R. Barnhart,

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board.

The operations of this Board have been only of the usual character during the past year. For a part of the time, there were only seven beneficiary students; who have all been paid up in full, except small balances due two students from the St. Paul classis which pays its own beneficiaries directly from the classical funds. It is to be regretted on their account as well as for the sake of uniformity in the administration of the Board's trust, according to its general rules and regulations.

The Somerset classis has transferred its beneficiary to the Board as requested by the Synod, and proposes to pass their funds through this treasury.

One of the students, received last year on recommendation from the Clarion Classis, failed to file the necessary papers with the Board, and has therefore been dropped from the list.

Another, who for ill health had been absent from the institution during the year ending last June, has again resumed his studies.

One, who had for several years withdrawn from the benefices of the Board, intending to rely on his own resources, has again been enrolled on his application through the Allegheny Classis.

Lewis Reiter from the Clarion Classis, now in the Freshman Class at Lancaster, has been regularly placed under the care of this Board.

There are at present nine young men receiving aid from this Board. Their progress in study, their deportment and character, as far as known, give satisfaction.

The amount of money received.....	\$985.24
and the " " paid out	990.41

Leaving a balance due the Treasurer of.....	\$5.17
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Appropriations needed for the current year will amount to \$1410. We therefore ask the Synod to designate \$1500 to this cause, the same amount voted last year. Owing to the several causes above stated, the whole of that sum was not called for; but it is not likely that the appropriations will not be all used during this year.

Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher's term as a member of this Board expires at this meeting of the Synod.

With devout thanks to our blessed Lord for the measure of blessing bestowed upon the small efforts of His servants in behalf of this cause, we commend it anew to the confidence and sympathy, the prayers and liberal alms of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. B. Russell, *President of the Board.*

Report of the Committee as adopted.

Your committee on Education would report that the only matter referred to them was the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education. With regard to this report they would recommend the following:

Resolved, That Synod approve of the action of the Board during the past year.

Resolved, That \$1500 be apportioned on the respective Classes for Beneficiary purposes during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Synod direct the respective Classes to call the attention of their pastors and members to the importance of the work of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Titzel,
H. D. Darbaker,
W. F. Lichliter,
C. M. Bousch,
Geo. Weir.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synods of the Reformed church in the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Publication Board of the Reformed church in the United States, respectfully submits the following annual report:

The Board has held four meetings during the year, and given close attention to the work entrusted to it. Though the continued financial pressure in all business circles in the country, has borne heavily upon the Board, in common with others, and interposed many obstacles in the way of securing the desired results, yet, on the whole, the year has not passed without affording some encouraging results, and giving more or less promise of still greater improvement in the future.

Proposals were received at the first meeting held in December 1876, from different parties, for doing the printing of the Board, during the year 1877, and the contract given to the lowest and best bidder; and provision has been made for soliciting similar proposals for the year 1878.

The new charter, a copy of which was submitted to the Synods at their last annual meetings, has passed through the court, to which such matters are submitted and obtained full legal sanction. The Board has formally adopted it, and has since been acting under its provisions. The third section of the charter commits to the several Synods represented in the Board, the duty of determining the number of Trustees, who shall constitute the Board, and the time, manner, and order of their succession, provided that no more than one third of the Trustees, shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two thirds of them shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania. With a view to facilitate the work involved in the duty, the Board has deemed it proper, after a careful consideration of the subject, to suggest to the several Synods, the mutual adoption of the following arrangement, and the carrying of it into immediate effect :

“The Board shall be constituted of seven members, distributed among the three Synods as at present, and the term of service for which each shall be elected, be four years. They shall be chosen in the following order: At the present meetings of the Synods, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of Pittsburgh; at the meetings of the following year, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of the Potomac; at the meetings of the year ensuing, one member shall be elected by each of the Synod of Pittsburgh and the Potomac; and at the meetings of the still coming year, one member shall be elected by the Synod of the United States: and the same order shall be observed in all succeeding years, the vacancies occurring being stated in the annual report of the Board to the Synods. The members of the present Board shall retain their places until they are succeeded in the order here laid down.”

As rumors had, in some way, obtained currency, seriously questioning the solvency of the financial condition of the Board, and exerting an influence damaging to its interests, the Board, with a view to ascertain what are the real facts in the case, appointed a committee, consisting of one member from each of the Synods represented in the Board, at its meeting in July last, to whom was assigned the duty of meeting at the Publication Rooms on Tuesday morning previous to the regular closing quarterly meeting of the Board, held on Thursday evening, October 4th, and examining into the condition of the Establishment: and then

to report the result of their investigations to the Board. The committee attended to the duty assigned it, and made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"The undersigned committee appointed by the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the purpose of examining into the condition of said Board, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee met at the Rooms of the Publication Board on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1877, and after a full and careful investigation of the Liabilities and a fair and just valuation of the Assets of the Board, find the following result:

ASSETS:

Real Estate.....	\$35,000.00
Other assets as per subjoined statement.....	46,491.00
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	\$81,491.00

LIABILITIES:

Mortgage on real estate.....	\$20,000.00
Other liabilities as per subjoined statement.....	29,606.83
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	49,606.83
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Assets over liabilities.....	\$31,884.17

In examining the printed matter on hand, your committee find a large amount, which has been ordered by Synod, at different times, but which still remains on hand and is unsalable, and from this source, a considerable amount of loss has been sustained by the Board.

It is a source of pleasure for your committee to report, that in examining the stock of books, stationery, &c., on hand, we find in great part fresh, salable, and in good order, reflecting much credit upon Mr. Charles H. Taylor, the present efficient Business Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Hensel, }
B. Wolff, Jr., } Committee.
A. B. Wingerd }

The subjoined statement referred to by the committee is found in the general statement of the operations of Board during the past year and of the present condition of the establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, which accompanies this document, together with a full itemized statement of the particulars, which make up the several items contained in the general statement. This general statement, besides giving the assets and liabilities of the Board, furnishes the following summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year:

Receipts	\$34,479.16
Disbursements.....	36,377.36
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Excess of disbursements.....	\$1,898.20
Treasurer's advances October 1, 1876.....	\$12,357.40
Add excess of disbursements.....	1,898.20
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Total advances October 1, 1877.....	\$14,255.60

By an examination of the accompanying papers, it will be seen that there has been during the year, an increase in the number of subscribers over discontinuances, to "The Messenger," three hundred and sixty-eight; "Guardian," one hundred and twenty. "Review," eight, and

"Lesson Papers," one thousand and seventy-five; and a decrease in the number of subscribers to the "Child's Treasury," of one hundred and seventy-nine. In the receipts on account of the "Childs Treasury," Lesson Papers," and "Review," there has been an encouraging advance over the previous year; but in those on account of the "Messenger," the decrease has been large, and merely nominal in the case of the "Guardian." It is a singular fact, that, whilst the latter show a considerable increase in the number of subscribers, there should be a falling off in the receipts on their account, especially to such a large extent as in the case of the "Messenger." Had the receipts for the year on their account borne an increase over the receipts of the previous year, corresponding with the increase in the number of subscribers, the Board would have been able to report an excess in the receipts over the disbursements for the year, instead of an opposite result. All this has occurred, whilst most constant, pressing and perserving efforts have been made, on the part of the officials of the Board, to secure a prompt and full return of receipts on account of the papers in question. The result may be attributable to the embarrassed condition of the monetary affairs of the country, from the effects of which, it is hoped, there will soon be afforded some tangible relief.

The several periodicals issued by the Board furnish an income sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in their publication, except the "Review" and the "Messenger." The former still falls short some \$200, or \$300, as has been the case during previous years. As the continuance of its publication is deemed necessary for the interests of the Church, its friends should rally round it, and give it at least a living support. In regard to the latter, "The Messenger," it has been gaining steadily in the number of subscribers ever since its location in Philadelphia, commencing with two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one and now reaching nearly five thousand. Its income during a greater portion of this time covered its expenses, the main deficit being during the past two years, owing to the decrease in the subscription price, and the increased expenses incurred by the additional force employed on the paper and the superior style, in which it is issued. As the Superintendent stated at the time the new departure was taken, it will require a subscription list of at least ten thousand paying subscribers to cover the the expenses incurred in its publication, and when the improvement was ventured upon, it was hoped, that this number of subscribers would be furnished in due season; they can also be furnished, if the ministry and laity in the Church, will generally set themselves actively to work.

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to say, that the "The Messenger," as at present issued, gives general satisfaction to the Church, not a word of serious complaint having been heard from any quarter. It is felt, that the interest, as well as the honor of the Church, require, that it should continue to be issued in its present superior style; and no disposition, therefore, should be evinced, to go back from this advanced position. There should rather, if possible, be a forward movement; and the Church should rally manfully to the aid of the Board, sustaining it fully in this important enterprize, seeing that, in that case, a few more years of successful labor will be sufficient to place the paper on the basis so much desired.

There has been an increase in the receipts in the Book Store during the past year. It is not very large; but it is still encouraging, showing that a favorable turn has taken place in its affairs, the income having decreased from nearly \$22,000, as it was a short time before the commencement of the financial panic, to a little over \$13,000, as it was last year. The improved condition of this department, the facilities afforded for purchasing at reasonable rates being as favorable as in the best establishment elsewhere, give much promise for the future, so that it is in the power of the

friends of the Church to make this an efficient and powerful agency for good.

The number of copies of the different works issued by the Board, printed during the year, has not been as large as in former years. This is always governed by the demand for the works; and hence the number may confidently be expected to increase in the future, as the demand itself for the works shall increase. The Board has issued only one new work during the year, and that is an improved edition of Dr. Van Horne's "Companion of Praise." It is a work, which has special merits in reference to the sphere it is intended to fill, and is accordingly meeting with a most welcome reception, as its true character becomes known and its merits are appreciated. It is a remarkable, but by no means strange fact, that since its issue, the demand for Dr. Harbaugh's "Hymns and Chants" has been largely increased, with the circulation, of which, some of its friends, at first, entertained some fears, the issue and circulation of the "Companion of Praise" would interfere.

With this statement of the present condition, and the operations of the Board during the past year, its interests are submitted to the earnest consideration of the respective Synods, under whose auspices it is carried forward, in the confident hope, that, whatever action may be taken, it will be such as will serve greatly to facilitate and advance its operation in the future.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. Gross, *President*,

Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary*.

October 8, 1877.

• REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Publication would offer the following report:

The following papers have been placed in our hands:

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, for 1877.
2. An annual Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Board and of the Receipts and Disbursements during the year.
3. An itemized Statement of the several particulars from which the general Statement is made out.

From the first paper we are gratified to learn of the sound financial condition of the Board, which should be cause for congratulation to the whole church. For further particulars, we would refer you to the report itself.

The new Charter, a copy of which was last year submitted to Synod, passed through the proper court, and has been formally adopted by the Board.

In order that this Synod may conform to its provisions, we recommend the adoption of the following rule:

Item 1. The Board shall be constituted of seven members distributed among the three Synods as at present: Two from Pittsburgh, two from the Synod of Potomac and three from the Synod of the United States. The term of service for which each shall be elected shall be four years. They shall be chosen in the following order: at the present meetings of the Synods one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh; at the meeting of the following year, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of the Potomac; at the meetings of the year next ensuing, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of Pittsburgh and Poto-

mac ; and at the meeting of the still ensuing year, one member shall be elected by the Synod of the United States ; and the same order shall be observed in all succeeding years ; the vacancies occurring being stated in the annual report of the Board to the Synods. The members of the present Board shall retain their places until they are succeeded in the order here laid down.

We learn further from this paper that the "Messenger" has not yet been placed upon a paying basis ; in order that this end may be attained and our people at the same time be benefitted, we recommend the following action :

Item 2. This Synod hereby urges upon the several Ministers under her jurisdiction, to use every effort to increase the circulation of the "Messenger" and other periodicals of the Board, and it is further ordered that such efforts be made prior to January 1st, 1878.

Resolved, That the Classes at their next annual meetings, ascertain whether the pastors have attended to the above duty.

Item 3. The contents of the other two papers are presented in summary form in the annual report of the Board, for which reason we recommend that they shall not be published in the minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Dieffenbacher,
D. S. Dieffenbacher;
H. F. Keener,
David Shakely,
Cornelius Beuchley.

The Clerk was ordered to publish 1200 copies of the minutes of Synod and to distribute them as usual,

Resolved, That the attention of the ministers and consistories of the congregations connected with this Synod, be called to the new Hymn Book, entitled "Hymns for the Reformed Church," as a most excellent work, well adapted to the purpose for which it is intended, and that they be requested to make earnest efforts to introduce it in their respective churches as far as practicable.

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

T. J. Craig, Treasurer, in account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1876.	Rec'd from Rev. J. W. Love, Westmoreland Classis.	
Oct.	21, Cash.....	\$70.00
Nov.	22, ".....	100.00
Dec.	15, ".....	60.00
1877.		
Jan.	25, ".....	50.00
Feb.	7, ".....	25.00
May.	31, ".....	175.00
Aug.	30, ".....	100.00
		— \$580.00
Amount carried forward.....		\$580.00

Amount brought forward, \$580.00

1876. Rec'd from Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, of Clarion Classis.

Nov. 18, Cash... \$108.75

1877.

Jan. 11, " 78.22

Mar. 1, " 100.00

April 3, " 41.25

" 21, " 103.03

Jan. 20, " 272.50

Aug. 21, " 27.36

Sept. 7, " 38.33

Oct. 4, " 135.26

" 2, " 24.81

\$929.51

1877. Rec'd from T. J. Craig, Allegheny Classis.

April 30, " \$355.00

May 15, " 45.00

June 20, " 200.00

\$600.00

1877 Rec'd from the Treasurer of Somerset Classis,

Feb. 2, " \$ 7.91

Oct. 5, " 50.00

\$57.91

From Eranklin, J. Leasure, Bedford Pa., (Missions)

3.50

1876.

Oct. 13, Balance on hand... 174.54

Total Receipts... 2345.46

DISBURSMENTS.

1876.

Oct. 25 paid W. H. Seibert, Treas. M. B... \$170.00

Dec. 1, " Rev. J. J. Pennepacker... 50.00

1877.

Jan. 11, " " D. S. Dieffenbacher... 41.25

" 20, " " C. B. Shulenberger... 70.00

" 25, " " S.C. Beam... 50.00

1877.

Mar. 10, " " J. J. Pennepacker... 50.00

April 2, " " T. F. Stauffer... 100.00

Mar. 3, " " D. S. Dieffenbacher... R... 41.25

May 7, " " H. D. Darbaker... 125.00

" 11, " " W. H. Seibert... 55.00

Jan. 5, " " S. Z. Beam... 75.00

" " " Charles Santee, (Iowa Missions) 50.00

" 13, " " T. F. Stauffer... 100.00

" 20, " " Dieffenbacher... 27.50

" " " J. J. Pennepacker... 50.00

" " " L. B. Leasure receipts... 150.00

Aug. 21, " " J. J. Pennepacker... 50.00

Sept. 5, " " S. Z. Beam... 75.00

" 15, " " H. D. Darbaker... 100.00

Oct. 5, " " J. M. Souders... 125.00

Amount carried forward... \$1555.00

Amount brought forward,.....		\$1555.00
1876.		
Dec. 15, paid Rev. G. B. Russell, Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Board.....	210.00	
Mar. 26,.....	14.00	
April 30,.....	150.00	
June 20,.....	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$524.00
1877.		
July 27. Rev. Charles Knepper, Printing Minutes.....	85.00	
of Synod.		
Feb. 2, Stated Clerk Mailing Expenses.....	7.91	
Oct. 5, Rev. H. F. Keener salary as Stated Clerk.....	50.00	\$142.91
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		\$221.91
Balance due Synod.....		\$123.55

Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :—I herewith submit my annual report of the means received and distributed as your Treasurer, since the last meeting of Synod. As will be seen the total amount received falls considerably short of the year's apportionment. The Classes of St. Paul and Somerset have not fallen in with Synod's order to disburse through Synod's Treasurer but have disbursed their funds through their own Treasurers. This action of their's and in part by other Classes contributed to cause confusion and trouble in disbursing the funds that reached the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board. The result was that the Missionaries of Allegheny Classis were on the first of January last about three quarters Salary in arrears, whilst the Missionaries in the bounds of the other Classes in this Synod were paid up promptly. Your Treasurer then decided to retain all funds coming into his hands after that date and pay those that were so far in arrears.

I assumed the responsibility of interpreting the action of the Synod held at Irwin in issuing an order on me in favor of Rev. G. B. Russell D. D., for two hundred dollars that it was the intention and design of Synod that such should be paid out of any surplus moneys that should be in my hands, after all appropriations previously made had been fully paid. This order has not yet been accepted. The following appropriations are still in arrears.

Appropriation for General Synod expenses, not a dollar of which has been paid. Missions, some hundreds of dollars in arrears.

Beneficiary Education, nothing paid since the opening of the sessions. As there was no reasonable prospects of funds being in the treasury to meet the note, ordered to be signed by me as treasurer, I also declined to sign it.

I desire to call your attention to the communication addressed to me by the Treasurer of the German Classis of West Pennsylvania in relation to Mission appropriation due the late Missionary of St. Paul charge. I declined to receive the order, and the offered cash \$15.00, and thus acknowledge Pittsburgh Synod responsible for the amount in arrears, by the Tri-Synodical Board. It is hoped that some action will be taken that will aid the brethren in the St. Paul Church in securing the amount due them.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. Craig, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Committee on Finance as Adopted.

Your committee on Finance would offer the following :

The only papers given into our hands are the Reports of the Treasurer of Synod, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions.

The Report of the Synodical Treasurer was audited and found correct.

By action of Synod, the various amounts here specified are appropriated: For Missions \$1500, Beneficiary Education \$1500, Synodical expenses \$200, Indemnity allowed Rev. G. B. Russell D. D., \$1000, making a total of \$4100.

We make the following apportionments upon the Classes:

Westmoreland Classis,	\$1150.00
Clarion	950.00
St. Paul	750.00
Somerset	650.00
Allegheny	700.00

AMOUNTS DUE ON LAST YEAR.

Westmoreland Classis, \$70.00, Clarion, \$84.49, St. Paul, \$850.00, Somerset, \$416.69, Allegheny, \$80.00.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. Dieffenbacher,
J. W. Alspach,
A. E. Truxal,
W. R. Barnhart.
Adam Smith,

On account of benevolent and missionary work done in the Classis, St. Paul Classis was allowed a credit of \$350, on the arrearages.

Revs. J. May and H. Bair were appointed a committee to collect 25cts, from each member of Synod for contingent expenses. The committee afterward reported their duty attended to, and \$10.50 collected. The report was adopted and the committee ordered to pay \$1.50 for printing tickets, and hand the remainder to the Sexton of the St. Paul Reformed church in which Synod held its sessions.

ARTICLE XIX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted and the committee ordered to have one hundred tickets printed for the use of Synod. The committee in due time reported their duty attended to at a cost \$1.50 which was ordered to be paid out of the contingent fund.

The Election was made the Order of the day for Monday afternoon immediately after the opening of the sessions.

Revs. H. Bair and J. W. Pontious were appointed Tellers.

The result of the Election was as follows:

Trustee of Synod.—Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.

Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.—Revs. J. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher and Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig. Instead of Rev. J. Dotterer resigned.—Peter Keil. Instead of Rev. T. F. Stauffer, resigned.—Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

Trustees of Literary Institution.—Revs. J. I. Swander, J. M. Titzel, T. J. Barkley.

Beneficiary Education.—Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.—Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., Elders. W. J. Baer, T. J. Craig, W. E. Schmertz.

Board of Visitors to Theological Seminary,—Revs. J. M. Titzel and J. H. Appel.

Sunday School Board,—Revs. C. U. Heilman, Geo. B. Russell, D. D., W. F. Lichliter, H. D. Darbaker, D. S. Dieffenbacher.

Board of Publication,—Rev. J. W. Love.

The Boards as now Constituted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

For five years, Dr. G. B. Russell; four years, Rev. J. W. Alspach; three years, George Fritz; two years, H. L. Baer; one year, John Truxel.

DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL ORPHAN HOME.

Four years, Revs. John McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; three years, Revs. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds. Elder Peter Keil; two years, Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. W. Alspach, J. Hannaberry, and Elder Eli George; one year, W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff jr., Joseph Cort and Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LITERARY INSTITUTION.

Three years, Revs. J. I. Swander; two years, H. L. Baer, W. R. Barnhart, Rev. J. W. Love; one year, Revs. A. E. Truxel, D. B. Lady, and T. J. Craig.

BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Five years, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, four years, Rev. I. Cort; three years, G. B. Russell D. D.; two years, Jacob Hershey; one year, Rev. J. W. Love.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Four years, G. B. Russell, D. D.; three years, Rev. C. U. Heilman, two years, Rev. F. Pilgram; one year, Rev. D. B. Lady.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Elders, T. J. Craig, W. E. Schmertz and W. J. Baer.

BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Revs. J. M. Titzel and J. H. Appel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Revs. C. U. Heilman, G. B. Russell D. D., W. F. Lichliter, H. D. Darbaker, D. S. Dieffenbacher.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Rev. J. W. Love and B. Wolff jr.

ARTICLE XX,

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. W. H. Bates read the following resolutions which were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. M. Titzel, G. B. Russell D. D., and W. F. Lichliter. and the committee was ordered to report at the next annual meeting of Synod:—

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that no Minister in any case whatever shall use unconsecrated elements in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That no unconsecrated elements shall be mixed with the consecrated.

Resolved, That wherever any consecrated elements shall remain over, the pastor in charge shall carefully deliver such elements to such members as have communed until all be distributed.

The Clerk was ordered to devote the third page of the cover to the advertisement of Greensburg Female Seminary.

The committee on Leave of absence reported that no applications were made.

ARTICLE XXI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Synod be, and are hereby tendered to the members of the St. Paul Reformed church and other citizens of Meadville, for the hospitalities shown its members, and that the pastor read the same from the pulpit, and have it published in the papers of the city.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be, and are hereby tendered to the Allegheny Valley R. R. Company for passing its members over said road at reduced rates, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate this action to the proper officers.

The roll was called and no member present during any of the sessions, was found absent without excuse.

The record was read and approved at every morning session and at the close of the Monday evening session before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church, St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa., October 9th, 1878, at 7½ o'clock P. M. Closed with the repetition of the Creed and Lord's Prayer, singing of the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. H. Appel, *President*

H. F. Keener, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

H. F. Keener, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.
WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon- firmed.	Infants.	Bap- tisms.	Confirmations.	By letter or rev'l	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom- muni- cated.	Transferred.	Deaths.	Sunday School	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Object.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Nicholas P. Hacke, D. D.	4 First Greensburg.	623	650	20	23	1	525	15	4	380	\$375 00	\$1200 00	Greensburg, Westmor'd Co., Pa.						
Jacob F. Snyder.	2 Emmanuel.	237	236	14	1	3	232	6	2	170	285 00	670 00	Manor Dale.						
John I. Swander	4 Latrobe.	330	310	24	12	6	316	3	8	130	80 00	800 00	Latrobe.						
John W. Love.	3 Second Greensburg.	243	238	18	18	1	219	3	2	180	555 00	1000 00	Greensburg.						
David B. Lady.	4 Mt. Pleasant.	288	200	23	12	8	280	7	3	185	150 00	900 00	Mt. Pleasant.						
John M. Titzel.	1 Irwin.	172	165	10	1	2	150	3	1	100	300 00	950 00	Irwin.						
John McConnell	2 S. James.	145	129	6	1	2	116	8	1	60	64 00	600 00	Salina.						
Henry Bair.	1 Pine Run.	111	95	6	1	9	106	1	1	90	50 00	700 00	North Washington.						
J. Wm. Kuappenberger.	2 Salem.	241	178	17	2	12	178	8	2	108	98 00	600 00	Delmont.						
Samuel Z. Beam.	1 Scott Dale.	43	38		1	5	39	3	1	80	300 00	700 00	Scott Dale.						
Lucian Co't.	Prin'l. G. F. Seminary.												Greensburg.						
Lorat. B. Leaure.*	Without Charge.												Greensburg.						
Total.		2453	2230	135	5	96	47	2161	47	26	38	20	1801	\$1353 00	\$1918 00	\$8120 00	2		

* Suspended.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLARION CLASSIC.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	CHURCHES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Communications.	By letter.	Communications.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	Evangelists.	Contributions.	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	FOOT-OFFICE ADDRESS.
W. C. Hopst.	3 Tylerburg.	3 Tylerburg.	100	20	30	16	11	29	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	Lineville Clarion Co., Penn'a.
D. S. Dieffenbacher.	3 Kittanning.	3 Kittanning.	245	210	25	7	25	217	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., "
John Dittler.	3 Carlisle.	3 Carlisle.	140	135	15	2	4	139	5	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Carlisle, Clarion Co., "
James Grant.	4 St. John's.	4 St. John's.	320	310	15	3	3	310	1	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Gobenville, Armstrong Co., "
J. J. Penypacker.	3 Kilmersburg.	3 Kilmersburg.	320	310	15	3	3	310	1	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Kilmersburg, Clarion Co., "
John Wolbach.	2 Paradise.	2 Paradise.	270	260	14	3	4	260	9	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Troutville, Clearfield Co., "
A. K. Kline.	3 South Bond.	3 South Bond.	270	260	14	3	4	260	9	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Riderton, Armstrong Co., "
W. C. B. Shulenberger.	3 St. Peterburg.	3 St. Peterburg.	270	260	14	3	4	260	9	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Petersburg, Clarion Co., "
M. H. Dieffenbacher.	3 Plum Creek.	3 Plum Creek.	194	180	18	3	13	112	3	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Riderton, Armstrong Co., "
J. R. Thompson.	5 Hedbank.	5 Hedbank.	245	230	15	3	3	216	6	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Petersburg, Clarion Co., "
H. Hoffman.	3 Beaver.	3 Beaver.	245	230	15	3	3	216	6	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Shannondale, Clarion Co., "
W. H. Hoffmeyer.	W. H. Hoffmeyer.	W. H. Hoffmeyer.	245	230	15	3	3	216	6	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Mourree, "
J. P. Wiant.	A. J. Pub'g B. ward.	A. J. Pub'g B. ward.	245	230	15	3	3	216	6	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Lancaster, "
Total.	18	18	2144	1970	313	161	74	1910	47	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	925 W Orange St, Lancaster,

* Have Union Sabbath Schools.
 † Report is made in part from statistics of last year.
 ‡ Leave Parsonages.
 § Received in currency and last year. Kittanning has, by the action of the Joint Conference, become self-sustaining. Kilmersburg Mission incorporated into Carlisle Charge.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.		Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
														General Objects.	Local Objects.			
1) D. Leberman.	2 Meadville.	2	196	85	20	7	3	190		8	6	2	200	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$ 682		Meadville, Penn'a.
C. R. Dieffenbacher.	2 Greenville.	2	225	168	23	10	4	198		8	7	2	170	95 55	100.00	850		Greenville. "
F. P. Hartmetz.	1 Sharon.	1	125	121	14			82			7	1	64	8.00	300.00	650		Sharon. "
Jo+. H Applr.	2 Saegertown.	2	165	125	5			160		5	1	1	30	70 00	400.00	750	2	Saegertown. "
F. Pilgram.	4 Shenaugo.	4	487	299	27	16	4	430		2	13	4	380	299.33	280.00	900	1	Greenville. "
J W. Pontious.	4 Zion's.	4	117		13		2				4	3		65.69		515		Cochranon. "
No Report.	1 St. Paul's.	1									2	2	115	24.12		560		Titusville, "
J. May.	2 Mercer.	2	110	72	8	13	1	92										Balm, Mercer Co., Pa.
Total.		18	1425	870	110	48	14	1152		10	40	15	959	\$702.69	\$1150.00	\$4907	3	

STATISTICAL REPORT.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By letter.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Resure of name.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions	Local Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benjamin Knepper.	3 Wellersburg.	129	100	26	5	2	92	2			13	70		\$30.00				Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.
William Rupp.	1 Ber'in.	209	149	11	8	2	163	7			6	100		96.72		\$700.00	1	Berlin.
H. F. Keener.	5 Zion.	298	247	28	26	1	283	5			5	115		121.05	\$220.00	850.00		Berlin.
John Ruhl.	1 Frostburg.	270	175	10	13	4	200	15			2	150		100.00	370.00	*1000.00	1	Frostburg, Md.
A. E. Truxal.	5 Somerset.	250	140	12	12	7	230	5			12	157		143.90	700.00	*700.00		Somerset, Pa.
L. D. Steckel.	4 Meyersdale.	359	297	21	15	8	280				8	180		69.83	2391.00	*700.00		Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.
F. R. Schwedes.	1 Cumberland. Mission.	160	120	12	9	4	144	9			4	100		5.00	600.00	800.00		Cumberland, Md.
C. U. Hileman.	4 Paradise.	343	220	54	28	3	305	9			5	280		101.70	1620.00	*800.00	1	Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.
W. H. Bates.	5 Beam.	383	164	24	21	5	341	7			14	212		210.00	277.65	*800.00		Stoystown.
	1 Hooversville.*	20	20									15			9.00			
Total.	9	2853	1572	199	137	36	2038	50			69	24	1352	\$878.30	\$6167.65	\$6450.00	3	

* And Parsonages.

† Supplied by the pastor of Beam Charge.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congregations	BAPTISMS.										Benevolent Contributions.		Pastor's Salary.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Adults.	Infants.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	(General Subjects).				(Local Subjects).
T. J. Barkley.	1 Grace.	1 Grace.	182	86	4	4	4	2	195	2	9	1	55	\$878.00	\$335.00	\$1500	13 Fayette St., Allegheny, Pa.
T. F. Stanger	Sp't. St. P. Org'n. Home.	Sp't. St. P. Org'n. Home.	248	181	5	8	15	2	280	3	5	1	225	160.00	326.00	735	Butler, Butler Co.,
P. A. Edmonds.	1 Harmony.	1 Harmony.	329	245	23	12	8	290	290	13	2	160	235.55	651.55	750	East End, Pittsburgh,	
Geo. H. Russell, D. D. *	2 Sugar Creek.	2 Sugar Creek.	119	97	6	3	107	85	107	7	1	80	192.50	316.55	700	Barnhart & Mills,	
J. W. Alsop	1 Fairview.	1 Fairview.	45	29	1	4	10	85	85	3	1	55	10.00	172.65	550	Butler, Butler Co.,	
I. Hannaberry.	1 Zion.	1 Zion.														East End Pittsburgh	
H. D. Darbaker.	Without Charge.	Without Charge.														Midvale Lancaster,	
Carper Scheel.	Without Charge.	Without Charge.														Manade Valley.	
Chas. Knepper.	1 First Church, Alleg'ny.	1 First Church, Alleg'ny.	50	27	4	6	14	46	46	2	1	1	53	12.45	390.00	700	13 Boyle St., Pittsburgh,
W. F. Schiller.	1 Trinity.	1 Trinity.	54	68	4	1	3	42	42	2	1	1	60	15.00	100.00	500	2 Wickerburg, Allegheny Co.,
J. M. Sonder.	2 Butler.	2 Butler.	125	68	5			101	101	1	9	1	50	22.00	100.00	350	Butler Butler Co.,
Vacant.																	
Total.		10	1106	795	60	41	42	977	977	35	35	9	707	\$1678.69	\$2180.96	\$5775	3

* President General Board of Missions.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1877.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Minist.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolence.	Local Objects.
					Infants.	Adults.												
Westmoreland.	12	24	2,453	2,229	185	5	98	47	2161	47		26	38	20	1301	2	\$1,353.00	\$10,038.00
Clarion.	13	30	2,144	1,970	213		161	74	1900	47			66	24	1227		1,439.55	10,741.07
St. Paul.	7	14	1,425	870	110		48	14	1152	10			40	15	959	3	702.69	6,057.00
Somerset.	9	31	2,353	1,572	199		137	36	2038	50			69	24	1352	3	878.20	12,617.65
Allegheny.	11	10	1,105	765	60	6	41	42	977	25			25	9	707	3	1,576.69	7,935.96
Pittsburgh Synod, Classes.	5	112	9,480	7426	720	11	483	213	8228	179		26	288	92	5546	11	5,950.13	47,339.68
Synod of U. S.	8	430	63,081	37,224	5957	219	3623	1147	50623	559	13		2353	464	33730	67	22,781.61	200,716.83
Synod of Ohio.	12	336	24,041	11,910	1638	473	1770	858	19142	377	31	580	610	252	18668	34	6,404.00	84,696.00
Synod of North-west.	9	192	16,846	13,600	1533	7	1002	594	12181	305	110	84	469	148	8574	14	6,940.00	31,358.00
Synod of Potomac.	6	247	26,230	16,223	1621	143	1200	456	22085	290	2		721	219	15175	31	13,923.21	85,654.24
East German Synod.	5	36	7,736	5655	1530	22	537	411	6723	63	28	52	576	87	5551	4	4,190.00	52,686.00
Synod. 6. Classes.	45	1353	147,466	92,038	12,409	875	8606	3,679	118,982	1,873	184	672	4,967	1,216	87,244	161	\$30,188.96	\$502,470.75

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States assembled in general convention at St. Petersburg, Pa., October 9th, A. D., 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. The sessions were held in the Lutheran church, the new Reformed church not being ready for use. Rev. Jos. H. Apple, the President, preached the opening Sermon, from 2 Tim. 4: 2, "Preach the word." The sessions continued until the following Monday afternoon.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—Revs. Jacob F. Snyder, John I. Swander, John W. Love,* David B. Lady, John M. Titzel, John McConnell, Henry Bair,* J. Wm. Knappenberger,* Samuel Z. Bean, C. R. Dieffenbacher,† James Grant.

Elders.—Geo. B. Walp, Wm. Martz, John Troxel, John Shrum, Jos. Lenhart, N. L. K. Kline, George Fritz, Erastus Wible.

Clarion Classis.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. J. Pennepacker, John Wolbach, Alpha K. Kline, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Moses H. Dieffenfer, Joseph B. Thompson, Henry Hoffman, Tilghman R. Dietz.

Elders.—David Crawford, Jac. L. Weber, Samuel Barndt, C. H. Bicehouse, Wm. Allshouse, Jesse Riuard, John Lorah,† David Humphrey.

*Appeared on Thursday, P. M.

†Appeared on Friday morning.

‡Appeared on Saturday morning.

St. Paul Classis.—Revs. F. P. Hartmetz, Jos. H. Apple, Frederick Pilgram, John W. Pontious, Frederick B. Hahn.

Elders.—John Fox,† Josiah Kern,† Mathias Flaugh. Casper Kam-
erer.

Somerset Classis.—Henry F. Keener, Albert E. Truxal, Louis D. Steckel, Calvin U. Heilman, William H. Bates,‡ S. R. Bridenbaugh.

Elders.—Jacob J. Glessner, Levi Knepper, Adam C. Lepley, Benjamin Enos,‡ Levi Shoemaker.§

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. Thomas J. Barkley, Thomas F. Stauffer, Joel W. Alspach, Joseph Hannaberry, Harry D. Darbaker, William F. Lichliter, J. Mortimore Souder, William B. Sandoe.

Elders.—Thomas J. Craig, A. Moyer, David King, John Daubenspeck, George F. Rahauser.

Advisory Members.—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D. and John A. Hoff-
heins.

Ministers of other Churches.—Revs. R. S. Borland, of the M. E. Church, and Edward Bryan and W. N. Sloan, of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John M. Titzel, of Irwin, Pa., was elected *President*.

Rev. Henry F. Keener, of Berlin, Pa., *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. William F. Lichliter, of Pittsburgh, Pa., *Cor. Secretary*.

Elder Thomas J. Craig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The *Bar of the House* was defined as comprising the first eight pews from the front of the chancel.

Session Hours.—Morning Session from 9 to 11:30 o'clock A. M. After-
noon Session from 2 to 4:30 o'clock P. M. Evening Session to begin at
7:30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, H. Hoffman, H. Bair, and Elders Erastus Wible and Samuel Barndt.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, S. Z. Beam, J. Hannaberry, and Elders Levi Knepper and David Humphrey.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, W. F. Lichliter, D. S. Dief-
fenbacher, and Elders Geo. B. Walp and David Crawford.

†Appeared on Friday morning.

‡Appeared on Saturday morning.

§Excused from further attendance on Saturday morning.

Overtures.—Rev. J. J. Pennepacker, F. P. Hartmetz, S. R. Bridenbaugh, and Elders Levi Shoemaker and Jesse Rinard.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D. B. Lady, F. Pilgram, and Elders Geo. F. Rahouser and A. C. Lepley.

State of the Church.—Revs. Jos. H. Apple, C. U. Heilman, H. D. Darbaker, and Elders Mathias Flaugh and Jac. J. Glessner.

Missions.—Revs. J. I. Swander, Jos. B. Thompson, Wm. H. Bates, and Elders George Fritz and Benj. Enos.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. H. Hoffman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, M. H. Dieffenderfer, and Elders David Humphrey and N. L. K. Kline.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. Hannaberry, W. B. Sandoe, and Elders Joseph Lenhart and John Daubenspeck.

Education.—Revs. L. D. Steckel, A. K. Kline, J. Wolbach, and Elders Jac. L. Weber and Wm. Martz.

Publication.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, D. B. Lady, F. B. Hahn, and Elders Casper Kamerer and J. Kern,

Finance.—Revs. F. Pilgram, T. R. Dietz, James Grant, and Elders Geo. B. Walp and David Crawford.

Nominations.—Revs. J. W. Love, J. M. Souder, J. W. Pontious, and Elders John Troxel and Samuel Barndt.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Clerk presented one copy of the Minutes of the General Synod and several copies of the Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod. Referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Records of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committee.

3. The Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and a Statement by the Secretary of the Board, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. The Reports of the Trustees, Treasurer, and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Report of the Board of Publication, with a Financial Statement, was received and properly referred.

6. The Reports of the Treasurer of Synod, and of the different Synodical Boards were received and referred to their proper committees.

7. A few other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine Services.

The Committee on the subject made the following report which was adopted:—

Your Committee on Religious Services ask leave to report the following :

Thursday and Friday Evenings shall be devoted to Sunday School work, under the supervision of the S. S. Board.

Saturday at 2:30 P. M., Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. W. B. Sandoe ; Altar Service, Revs. T. J. Barkley and W. F. Lichtler.

Saturday at 7:30 P. M., Missionary Meeting. Addresses by Revs. J. I. Swander, C. U. Heilman and D. S. Dieffenbacher.

Sunday at 10:30 A. M., dedication* of the new Church : Sermon by Rev. John M. Titzel.

Sunday at 3 P. M., Sunday School Services. Addresses by Rev. W. F. Lichtler, D. S. Dieffenbacher, T. F. Stauffer, John McConnell and Elder T. J. Craig.

Sunday at 7:30 P. M., Communion. Sermon by Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D. ; Altar Service, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher and John A. Hoffheins.

Sunday at 7:30 P. M., Presbyterian church, Rev. David B. Lady.—Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. John W. Love. Presbyterian Church, Foxburg, Pa., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. B. SHULENBERGER,

H. HOFFMAN,

H. BAIR,

ERASTUS WIBLE,

SAMUEL BARNDT.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod :

Item 1, p. 25.—Requests pastors to preach annually a sermon on the necessity of an educated ministry and for the support of the Theological Seminary.

Item 2, p. 28.—Requests Ministers and Elders to secure liberal contributions for the Orphan Home.

Item 3, p. 29.—Directs the Classes to call the attention of pastors and members to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Item 4, p. 34.—Urges ministers to make every effort to increase the circulation of the *Messenger* and other publications of the Board prior to January 1, 1878.

Item 5, p. 34.—Directs Classes to ascertain whether pastors have attended to this matter.

Item 6, p. 34. Orders the Clerk to publish 1200 copies of the Minutes of Synod and distribute them.

Item 7, p. 38.—The term of office of the following members of the different Boards of Synod, expires with this meeting of Synod :

Trustees of Synod.—Elder John Troxel.

Directors of Orphan Home.—Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., Joseph Cort, and Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

*This service was completed on Monday evening.

Trustees of Literary Institution.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. B. Lady, and Elder T. J. Craig.

Beneficiary Education.—Rev. J. W. Love.

Item 8, p. 38.—By the removal of Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D. out of the bounds of Synod, the following vacancies are made:

Trustees of Synod.—One for four years.

Beneficiary Education.—One for two years.

Item 9, p. 38.—The appointment of a committee to whom were referred resolutions forbidding the use of unconsecrated elements, or unconsecrated mixed with consecrated, in the Lord's Supper; ordering the committee to report at this meeting. Committee, Revs. J. M. Titzel, G. B. Russell, D. D., W. F. Lichliter.

Item 10, p. 39.—Orders the Clerk to devote the third page of the cover of the Minutes, to an advertisement of Greensburg Female Seminary.

Minutes of General Synod.

Item 11, p. 43.—Expresses the judgment of the General Synod that all the Home Missions should be brought under the direct control of the General Synod's Board as speedily as possible.

Item 12, p. 43.—Requests the Board of Missions of the District Synods in the meantime to report to the General Synod's Board, at least one month before the tri-ennial meeting, a statement of their work and financial condition.

Item 13, p. 43.—Requests each District Synod to send a copy of its annual Minutes to the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

Item 14, p. 43.—Recommends to the Synods and Classes the organizing of Missionary Societies in all the congregations throughout the Church.

Item 15, p. 45.—Expresses the sense of the General Synod in view of the commission provided for by the Synod, that the Missionary work of the Church should be carried forward hereafter through the regular Missionary Boards of the Church.

Item 16, p. 45.—Calls the attention of the District Synods to the apportionment made in 1874 to the Synods, for the payment of the debt owed by the Board of Home Missions to the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension; and requests the District Synods to notify all Classes that are delinquent, to pay over to the Treasurer of the Church Extension fund as soon as possible.

Item 17, p. 62.—General Synod adopted a Statistical Form, for the Classes.

Item 18, pp. 75-6.—(a) General Synod orders the creation of a Commission by the several District Synods, consisting of a representation from the six District Synods, in the ratio of church membership within their respective bounds; which Commission, proportionally representing the two tendencies in the Church, shall deliberate over all matters in controversy with the view of devising a plan of amicable adjustment.

(b) The basis of representation in this Commission to be the following: For District Synods having 10,000 communicant members or less, two delegates, one minister and one elder.

For District Synods having between 10,000 and 40,000 communicant members, four delegates, two ministers and two elders.

For District Synods having over 40,000 communicant members, six delegates, three ministers and three elders.

(c) General Synod recommends to the District Synods that in the ap-

pointment of their respective delegations they pay due regard to a minority tendency, where such may exist.

Item 19, p. 77.—Is a request of the General Synod to all the ecclesiastical bodies under its supervision, that in the deliberations and decisions of their regular and special meetings, they have due and charitable regard for each other's conscientious convictions, and as far as possible conduct their business so as to cultivate and advance the cause of peace and good-will among the congregations and people of our Reformed Zion.

Item 20, p. 78.—Advises the District Synods to direct attention to this subject, that when the Commission shall meet for deliberation, special prayer may be offered in the regular service and weekly prayer meetings in behalf of the Commission and its great work.

Item 21, p. 82.—For defraying its expenses General Synod assessed on Pittsburgh Synod \$100.

Item 22, p. 83.—Delinquent Synods are urged to meet without further delay their indebtedness to the Church Extension fund; and Geo. Gelbach, the former Treasurer of the Board, is requested to inform the Synods of Ohio, the Northwest, and Pittsburgh, of the amount of their indebtedness.

Item 23, p. 85.—Requests the Stated Clerks of the several District Synods to furnish three copies of the Minutes for each of the preceding years, for the use of the General Synod at its tri-ennial sessions.

Item 24, p. 87.—Calls the attention of Pittsburgh Synod to the dereliction of its Stated Clerk in not furnishing the General Synod with the Minutes of the last three years, according to article No. 76, of the Constitution.

Item 25, p. 92.—General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, Wednesday, May 18, 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
J. HANNABERRY,
S. Z. BEAM,
LEVI KNEPPER,
DAVID HUMPHREY,

The Report was considered item by item with the following result :—

Item 1. The roll was called and all answered not attended to, except Revs. Jno. McConnell and W. F. Lichliter.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, were adopted.

Item 6. The Clerk reported as follows, which was adopted: The order of Synod was carried out at a total expense of \$100 33. I would call Synod's attention to the following errors, which despite of great care bestowed, still crept into the published Minutes. On page 37, "*Amounts due on last year,*" Westmoreland Classis is made to owe Synod \$70, instead of \$670. On page 38, the names of Revs. D. S. Diefenbacher and J. I. Swander, ought to appear as members of the Board of Missions for two years. The following resolution passed near the close of the sessions was omitted: *Resolved*, That the column of "*Pastor's Salary,*" in our statistics, be abolished, and these salaries be hereafter included in the column of "*Local Objects.*"

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. KEENER, Clerk.

Items 7 and 8 were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 9. The Chairman reported verbally that nothing had been done by the Committee. The Report was adopted.

Item 10 Attended to.

Item 12 Referred to the members of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, in Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 13. Adopted and the Clerk ordered to comply with this action.

Item 14. Referred to the committee on Missions.

Item 16. The Treasurer was requested to notify the Classes in arrears.

Item 18. Adopted, but the election of members on this Commission was postponed until the next annual meeting.

Item 20. Action postponed until the next annual meeting.

Item 21. Adopted and referred to the committee on Finance.

Item 24. The attention of the Clerk was called to this action.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Classical Minutes offer the following report :—

Requests.

Item 1. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to allow \$250 of the \$450 appropriated to the Irwin and Latrobe charges to be credited on its apportionment this year.

Item 2. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to give it a credit on its deficiency of last year, of \$250 which was paid out of the Classical Treasury to the support of the Scottdale Mission.

Item 3. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to reconsider its action touching Dr. Russell's claim and refuses to apportion its amount of said claim.

Item 4. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to itemize the apportionment on each Classis.

Subjects Referred.

Item 5. The Classes adopted all the items referred to them by Synod, except Allegheny as above noticed.

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 6. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher from St. Paul Classis, and Rev. James Grant from Clarion Classis.

Item 7. Clarion Classis received the Licentiate, Tilghman R. Dietz from the Lancaster, Pa., Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, and dismissed Rev. J. F. Wiant to the Lancaster, Pa., Classis, and Rev. James Grant to Westmoreland.

Item 8. St. Paul Classis received the Licentiate, Fred. B. Hahn from the Lancaster, Pa., Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, and dismissed Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher to Westmoreland Classis.

Item 9. Somerset Classis examined and licensed the student, Jno. S. Wagner, and received Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh from Mercersburg Classis.

Item 10. Allegheny Classis received Rev. W. B. Sandoe from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., to the Maryland Classis.

Place and Time of next Annual Meeting.

Item 11. Westmoreland Classis will meet in Manor church, Westmoreland County, Pa., on the Friday before Whitsunday, 1879, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Rev. L. Cort, President, Rev. Jac. F. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

Item 12. Clarion Classis will meet in St. Luke Reformed Church, Kittanning, Pa., on Thursday, June 5, 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. John Wolbach, President, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Stated Clerk.

Item 13. St. Paul Classis will meet in St. John church, Shenango charge, Mercer County, Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Fred. P. Hartmetz, President, Rev. D. D. Leberman, Stated Clerk.

Item 14. Somerset Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church, Frostburg, Md., June 4, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rev. W. H. Bates, President, Rev. H. F. Keener, Stated Clerk.

Item 15. Allegheny Classis will meet in Grace Church, Pittsburg, Pa., June 4, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. M. Souder, President, Rev. W. F. Lichtner, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

JAC. F. SNYDER.

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER.

W. F. LICHLITER.

G. B. WALP.

DAVID CRAWFORD.

The Report was considered by items with the appended results:—

Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Committee on Missions. For action thereon, see report of said committee.

Item 3. After much discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the attention of Allegheny Classis be called to the action of the Synod at Meadville, and that said action be reiterated.

The yeas and nays were called for, and recorded as follows: *Yeas*—Revs. Jno. I. Swander, Jno. W. Love, D. B. Lady, Jno. M. Titzel, S. Z. Beam, C. R. Dieffenbacher, James Grant, D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. J. Pennepacker, Jno. Wolbach, A. K. Kline, M. H. Diefenderfer, H. Hoffman, T. R. Deitz, F. P. Hartmetz, Jos. H. Apple, F. Pilgram, J. W. Pontious, F. B. Hahn, H. F. Keener, S. R. Bridenbaugh, and Elders Wm. Martz, John Troxel, Jno. Shrum, Jos. Lenhart, N. L. K. Kline, Geo. Fritz, Erastus Wible, David Crawford, Samuel Barndt, C. H. Bicehouse, Wm. Allshouse, Jesse Rinard, John Lorah, David Humphrey, Jno. Fox, Josiah Kern, Mathias Flaugh, Jacob J. Glessner, Levi Shoemaker, Jacob L. Weber. 41.

Nays—Revs. H. Bair, A. E. Truxal, L. D. Steckel, C. U. Heilman, W. H. Bates, T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer, J. W. Alspach, H. D. Dar-

baker, W. F. Lichter, J. M. Souder, W. B. Sandoe, and Elders George B. Walp. Levi Knepper, A. C. Lepley, Benjamin Enos, T. J. Craig, David King, Jno. Daubenspeck, George F. Rahauser. 20.

Non liquet, Revs. J. F. Snyder and W. C. B. Shulenberger. Excused from voting, Rev. John McConnell.

All the remaining items were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Overtures offers the following report :

Item 1. A communication from Iowa Classis, per Rev. C. Cort, in reference to the payment of money pledged for the support of Missions in Iowa.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. Fred. R. Schwedes, of Cumberland, Md., requesting Synod to excuse him for non-attendance.

Item 3. A similar request from Rev. Josiah May.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. PENNEPACKER.
F. P. HARTMETZ,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
LEVI SHOEMAKER.
JESSE RINARD.

The Report was considered by items with the appended result :

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 2. Rev. F. R. Schwedes was excused as requested.

Item 3. Rev. Josiah May was also excused for absence.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Report of the Committee as Adopted.

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, report that, inasmuch as no duties claimed the attention of the committee, we have no items to bring before the Synod for action.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY.
D. B. LADY.
F. PILGRAM.
GEO. F. RAHAUSER.
A. C. LEPLEY.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Report of the Committee as Adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully offer the following:

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—It is with devout gratitude to God, the Giver of all good, that the Pittsburgh Synod, in this, her ninth annual meeting, would record the manifold tokens of His goodness and mercy toward us. But one of our number, the venerable father Hacke, full of years and good works, has passed out of the ranks of the ministry, and entered into his rest.

The past year has been one of considerable suffering and self-denial in various parts of the church. The general depression in business relations, still hanging over our land, has not failed to cast a gloom over some struggling congregations, making it problematic even, in some cases, whether they would be able to survive the pressure. Yet, as prosperity and adversity, fruitful and barren years, health and sickness, life and death, are all in the hands of that Providence that watches over us, we may see that even in these troublous times, the clouds have a silver lining. Materialism is the great sin of our times. The way to learn that "men do not live by bread alone," lies doubtless through the social travail under which we are now laboring. It is nevertheless encouraging to note that the benevolent contributions of the Church within the bounds of Synod have exceeded those of the former year by nearly one thousand dollars.

Looking over the past we find much to humble us in penitence before Almighty God, and much, at the same time, to call forth our most devout gratitude. The little vine which God hath planted in this part of His vineyard hath grown up and run down over the wall. The fathers who watched and watered its tender growth have scarcely gone to rest, when their children in the ministry are permitted to gather rich clusters of fruit.

Every age has its own problems to solve, and every part of the Church its own particular work to do. The missionary work of the Classis was the first work. This consists in gathering together the scattered people and organizing them into congregations. In a very few years these congregations grew into charges: the charges into Classes, and the Classes into Synods. Then succeeded the period of strengthening and consolidating the work. The success of Church work, under the blessing of God, in this Synod has depended much upon the harmony of co-operation that has characterized the Classes from the beginning. The Classes speak on this point with one voice. One report says: "The festival days of the Church are not only observed, but the people have come to see the value of these great events, and are endeavoring to apprehend more and more, by a true faith, the facts they represent.—Christmas with its festivities for the children, is no less happily enjoyed by all, and with its thank-offerings, is deepening the love of all in the incarnate mystery." Another: "This life has the elements of power and victory inherent. It becomes manifest in our pastors being earnest and faithful in preaching the pure gospel, Jesus and the resurrection, in pastoral visitation, in catechizing the youth, and in administering the comforts and consolations of the blessed gospel to the sick

and dying." Another: "The sacraments of the Church are being more highly appreciated and enjoyed by our people, and thus the bonds of union and communion are constantly being more and more strengthened between Christ our glorious Head, and us His members."

Another: "The great body of the people under our pastoral care fully appreciate the high value of the services of the Lord's sanctuary; the preaching of the Word; the administration of the sacraments, and the catechization and confirmation of the children of the Church."

The faithful preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments, the divinely ordained means of grace, have produced their fruit, in the ingathering of souls into the fold of Christ. The baptisms exceed the number of the former year by over a hundred; the confirmations, by over two hundred.

Even in these depressing times the outward work of the Church goes on—primitive houses of worship giving place to beautiful temples dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, and in other cases in repairing and beautifying the house of the Lord.

Special attention has been given to the Sunday school cause, in the way of widening and deepening the interest in the proper nurture of the young, in giving part of the time at the annual meetings of Classes, and in special convention for this purpose, in discussing the subject in all its bearings, so as to eliminate on the one hand, the hurtful elements that have crept in, and on the other, to seek to place the Sunday-school in proper relations to the congregation and the Church.

We note with pleasure special efforts on the part of Classes to revive and strengthen the spirit of missions in their midst, by holding missionary conventions from time to time, in the various charges. The Church of Christ must be missionary in spirit at all times, and if the Classical period of missions in Western Pennsylvania has in any sense abated in the history of this part of the Church, and her energies have been turned more inward, in the way of strengthening the things that remain, it must not be forgotten that her true spiritual strength still lies in cultivating this interest in every possible way. There are still waste places to be cultivated: still Macedonian cries that come over to us.

The Orphan Home at Butler is successfully carried forward under its efficient management, and it is fervently hoped that, as in time past, the benevolent contributions of the Church may continue to flow toward this truly Christian institution, in time to come.

The female college at Greensburg is still doing its good work for the cause of education in our midst. It should receive the hearty co-operation, and the patronage of the entire Synod.

Grateful for the mercies of the past year, and humbly acknowledging our shortcomings in the work committed to our charge and care, we would invoke the presence and blessing of the Head of the Church, upon us and upon the labors of our hands for the year to come. And now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. APPLE.

C. U. HEILMAN.

H. D. DARBAKER.

MATTHIAS FLAUGH.

JACOB J. GLESSNER.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:

In presenting my first annual report as Superintendent of Missions in the bounds of the three Eastern Synods herein addressed, I enumerate first the different missions under your care, in the several states in which they are located, so as to present a Geographical view of the territory embraced in the Missionary field.

Pennsylvania.

Catasauqua. This mission reports a membership of *ninety-five* members, confirmed *nine*, received by renewal of profession *three*, baptized *twenty-two*. There is a prospect of soon effecting an arrangement by which this mission will be connected with neighboring congregations, and so will not need any further assistance from the Board. It has a heavy debt, which interferes with its success and prosperity very seriously. Pastor, John J. Crist. Appropriation this year, \$300. Last year it was \$350. German and English.

Allentown. The missionary reports this mission in a prosperous condition, but suffering much from the stringency of the times, and expects soon to lay the cornerstone of a new chapel. Number of members, 70. received by confirmation *five*, by certificate *twenty-three*, dismissed *thirty*. S. S. Scholars 130. Pastor, J. Fritzinger. Appropriation the same as last year, \$300. German.

Easton. Members, *Seventy-five*. Received by baptism *eighteen*, by confirmation *four*, S. S. scholars *ninety-four*. This mission worships in its own chapel on College Hill, upon which however, there is still some debt resting. It is in a prosperous condition. Pastor D. Y. Heisler. Appropriation \$200. Last year, \$300. English.

Reading. The mission congregation in this city, have erected a fine large Church and Parsonage, valued at \$22,000, but there is a debt of \$10,000 remaining on it, which they are making efforts to reduce yearly. The membership numbers 290. S. S. scholars 325. Additions during the year by letter and confirmation 41, baptisms 50. The membership are poor in this world's goods, but willing to work and liberal according to their ability. The pastor labors under a heavy burden of care and responsibility, yet hopefully. Pastor, John W. Steinmetz. Appropriation \$300. Last year it was \$400. German and English.

West Philadelphia. This mission has prospered during the year. The membership has increased, and prospects seemed fair for its final success. Through inadequate support and the cares and burdens thereby entailed, the pastor's health and courage have given way, and he now thinks it will be necessary for him to leave the field. We can only hope that help may come in time to save the interest from serious disaster. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot. Appropriation same as last year, \$300.—English.

Harrisburg, 2nd Reformed Church. Members 100. Added during the year 20; dismissed 3; S. S. scholars 170; value of church property

\$7,000; debt \$120. The condition of the mission is prosperous. Pastor, George W. Snyder. Appropriation this year \$250. Last year it was \$300. English.

Harrisburg, Zwingli Church. Members 65. Additions 7; S. S. scholars 45; church property valued at \$7,000, with a debt of \$1,800. Pastor, (recently resigned) W. T. Gerhard. Vacant. Appropriation \$250. German.

Columbia. This mission has steadily prospered under the efficient labors of its present pastor. The membership numbers 155. Additions during the year 16; baptisms 19; S. S. scholars 185. The congregation owns a church building and parsonage valued at \$12,000, with a debt of \$1,700 still resting upon it. Pastor, C. Clever. Appropriation \$50.—English.

Wilkesbarre. The German and English interests in this city are united in one congregation, under the care of a pastor who preaches German and English. The membership numbers about 250, with a growing Sunday school, numbering 150 scholars. They own an eligible church property centrally located, but are burdened by a pretty large debt. The prospects of the mission are good. Pastor F. K. Levan. Appropriation \$400.

Lock Haven. Members 40, S. S. scholars 80, additions *four*, baptisms *seven*. The mission has purchased the 2nd Presbyterian Church building, and are thus provided with a house of worship. It is struggling through many difficulties and making progress in the midst of many discouragements. Pastor Isaac S. Stahr. Appropriation \$300.

Wilkinsburg and East Liberty. The missionaries at these places, Rev. J. M. Souder and Rev. H. D. Darbaker have been absent from these points during several months of the past summer, partly on account of their health, but their places have been supplied by Rev. W. F. Lichter without any additional expense to the missions or the Board. They have both returned to their charges with improved health, and they report the condition of the missions as prosperous, although they both have suffered much from the times. It is a matter of great thoughtfulness and encouragement that so many congregations are growing up, in and around Pittsburgh, where but a comparatively short time ago, we were without a single church. Bro. Darbaker, although improved in health, expects to withdraw from the mission at East Liberty, the 1st of January next. Appropriation to Wilkinsburg \$250, to East Liberty \$300, as during previous years.

Orbisonia. Members 96. Additions 8; baptisms 14. This mission is prospering. A new Church is soon to be dedicated. Pastor, J. Schick. Appropriation \$150, the same as last year.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford County. The annual report from this mission speaks encouragingly. The charge is engaged in paying off the debt on church and parsonage. Members 145; baptisms 11, and a catechetical class preparing for confirmation. Pastor, W. Augustus Gring. Appropriation continued at \$200.

Chambersburg (German). This mission is at present vacant, but it is expected that it may soon be supplied with a regular pastor. It has maintained itself, but has not a population around it from which to increase its strength. Vacant. Old appropriation \$75.

Duncannon. Members 130; baptisms 18; additions by confirmation, certificate, etc. 14; S. S. scholars 175. The condition of the mission is reported as prosperous. The people are faithful, and the pastor is active in improving the condition of the charge, which, were it not for a

debt on the Church at Maysville, might be expected before long to be self-supporting. Pastor, U. H. Heilman. Appropriation this year \$225.

Shenandoah. This mission during part of the year was without a pastor. It is, however, again supplied with one, and it is reported to be in an encouraging condition. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Allegheny City. The mission congregation in this city has been called to pass through many trials. At present it is again without a pastor and its prospects are not very encouraging. The superintendent visited it and preached for the congregation, and the Board will do all it can to aid in promoting its interest and welfare. Vacant. Former appropriation \$400.

Titusville. This mission, an important one among the foreign Germans, continues to prosper. During the year there was a change of pastors. It is served at present by ———. Appropriation last year \$150.

Scottdale. This point during the year has been joined with other congregations, and thus passed out of the care of the Board. The missionary has taken charge of a new field of labor within the bounds of Westmoreland Classis, including the mission at Scottdale.

Virginia.

Winchester. This mission, which consists of two congregations, is moving forward about as usual, and making a sure and steady progress. The membership at Winchester is 77, at Smithfield 38, in all 115. Additions during the year by confirmation and letter 10; baptisms 10. Each congregation has a church, the one at Smithfield being a union Church. There is also a parsonage on which some debt is still resting. Pastor Charles G. Fisher. Appropriation (unchanged) \$300.

Middlebrook. This mission was taken under the care of the Board, at the request of the Virginia Classis, during the past year. Rev. A. J. Whitmore is laboring in it with much self-denial, and with good success. It is the farthest point southward in the Virginia valley and is very worthy of aid. The superintendent visited the mission during the past year. During the summer, one of the congregations erected a new Church, which it is believed will strengthen the mission, and open the way to make it self-supporting. Appropriation \$150.

Delaware.

Wyoming. It is but a few years since the Reformed Church entered this State. The mission at Wyoming continues to advance in prosperity, although it is separated from the populous sections of the Church, and must act as a pioneer mission in a new field. The prospects of a new mission on the Eastern shore of Maryland, will bring to it fellowship and sympathy. Pastor, E. H. Deffenbacher. Appropriation (unchanged) \$300.

Maryland.

Cumberland (German). This mission has a membership of 150. Additions during the year 12; during the last four years the additions were 85; Sunday schools in a prosperous condition; Church property worth \$6,000, on which, however, there is a debt of \$2,500. During the past year the mission secured for itself a Cemetery, which promises to be of great advantage to the congregation. \$700 were paid for local purposes, and \$50 for missions and benevolence. This is an encouraging mission. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes. Appropriation last year \$300, this year \$250.

Eastern Shore. During the year a new congregation was organized at Ridgeway, Caroline County, with 37 members, by our missionary at Wyoming, which expects soon to erect a new Church. The whole peninsula is an exceedingly interesting field for missionary labor.

District of Columbia.

The English mission in Washington has at length been organized, and obtained the services of a regular pastor. The congregation numbers between twenty and thirty members. Six have been added since the present pastor took charge, and as many more are expected to be received shortly. The importance of this mission has been made known to the Church in various ways, and it has pledged to it the interest and support of the Synods, and especially the Classis in whose bounds it is located. Members 21; additions 6; baptisms 4; S. S. scholars 30; unconfirmed 9. Pastor, Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D. Appropriation \$1,200.

PACIFIC COAST.

California.

San Francisco. A short time ago our faithful missionary at this point, Rev. J. H. Krueger, resigned, with the approbation of the council, with the view of taking charge of a new mission in California. As there was a strong desire on the part of the mission to secure the services of Rev. J. Fundeling as their pastor, the council consented to their entering into an election for him, on condition that it should not receive any further direct appropriation from the Board. To this condition both pastor and people consented, and it is believed this arrangement will be a beneficial one. Rev. Fundeling entered upon his duties the 1st of October.

Napa City. With the approbation of the Board, Rev. F. Fox, has withdrawn from this mission, where he has been laboring for a number of years, the fruits of which are the erection of a new Church, and the gathering together of an interesting and pious congregation. The prospects now are that the mission will secure the services of a suitable man at an early date. There are many openings for missions among the Germans in California, and a number of new ones might be started if we had the means. God has much people on this coast. Satan also has his kingdom there. Vacant. Appropriation last year \$310.—German.

Oregon.

Portland. This mission, amidst difficulties, has moved forward prosperously, with manifest tokens of the Divine favor. A new Church has been built, with admirable arrangements for the use of the congregation. The members show much zeal and self-denial in laboring with their pastor. This is a very interesting and promising mission. Pastor, John Gantenbein. Appropriation this year \$300, last year \$350. German.

Salem. Rev. J. Muelshaupt has succeeded in organizing two small congregations during the year, among the foreign Germans, and his mission promises well for the future. Appropriation \$250, last year, \$200.

The Rev. Mechttersheim is teaching at Walla Walla, in Washington Territory, and laboring with much zeal to organize a mission at that place. Another missionary is expected to enter this field soon with the view of starting a mission. Oregon and Washington are also promising fields for missionary labor.

Summary.

Missionaries.....	28
Members.....	2740
Additions during the year.....	336
Baptisms.....	451
Sunday School Scholars.....	3086
Contributions for mission and benevolence.....	\$865
For local objects.....	\$15 886
Value of church property.....	\$160 900
Indebtedness.....	\$51 170

Financial Statement.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We herewith transmit to you the Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the three Eastern Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States. They present an encouraging view of our missionary operations, notwithstanding the financial embarrassment of the country, and shows that the Lord has prospered our work.

The Treasurer's Report shows that our collections this year exceed those of last year by \$1 500. The indebtedness to Missionaries, which was about \$7 000 last year, has been reduced, by direct payment by the Board, or through the Classes in whose bounds some of the missions are located, so that there remains but \$3 000. We have been compelled to borrow \$500, for six months, to meet pressing wants on the Pacific Coast, in paying the missionaries.

We placed a missionary in charge of the St. Stephen's Church, organized by the Maryland Classis, in Washington City, Pa. This mission is more expensive than any other, and will increase our expenses. But the liberality of the Maryland Classis will respond to supply the increased demand. We feel assured that if one tenth of our churches will introduce the auxiliary Mission Societies suggested by the Board, instead of \$1 500 in excess, we shall have four or five thousand next year.

We shall need this year \$10 000 to carry on our work, above the \$3 000 owed by the Board to the missionaries at date. Last year we asked for \$16 000, this year only \$13 000, for which we respectfully request the Synods to make provision. We suggest that the Synod of the U. S. raise \$7 500, Pittsburgh Synod \$2 000, Synod of Potomac \$3 500.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER,
President.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
Secretary.

Since I undertook the office of the superintendency, my labors have been arduous. Knowing the importance of increasing the contributions throughout the church to the cause of missions, it has been one of my principal objects, during the year, to visit the older charges, and by preaching on the subject and consultation with pastors, to stir up new interest. An effort was made at the opening of the year to secure special collections in order to meet the immediate and pressing wants of our missionaries. Quite a number of Congregations responded to this call.

So also I have aimed to turn to account the usual harvest services for this cause, visiting and preaching in a number of charges. In this way I have been engaged pretty much every Sunday, preaching two and three times, and occasionally during the week. In connection with my services in this way I have occasionally delivered scientific lectures, devoting the proceeds to the cause of mission in one form or another. My labors have been thus far chiefly in East Pennsylvania, where the numerical strength and wealth of the church are so great in proportion to other sections.

I have urged upon pastors and congregations the importance of carrying out the recommendation of the Board and Council, in reference to organizing missionary societies. In many congregations this plan has been adopted with good results. Contributions to missions will never be what they should and may be, without any special burden, until they become thoroughly systematic. If we can reach all our members, and secure something, however small regularly from each member and each Sunday school scholar, the treasury would always be adequate to the demands made upon it. Here lies in great part the secret of success. Any method that will aid in reaching this result is highly to be commended. It is believed that the organization of missionary societies according to the plan submitted, will do much toward bringing about this result. I think it would have a good effect if the Synods would add the weight of their authority and influence in enjoining this matter upon all their charges. In these times of financial depression, it is a matter of life and death for our missions to keep up the necessary supply of funds, and the only way to secure this is to reach all the members. It is believed that the special efforts put forth will show good results in a larger amount contributed this year than last; but the movement in this direction is only begun, and it may reasonably be expected that the contributions will go on increasing for years to come, without additional burden on the churches. In our work in this direction we have looked to the future.

I have also visited a number of our missions in the Virginia Valley, in Delaware, up the Susquehanna, etc., and endeavored to ascertain their wants, as well as to carry to them encouragement. A beginning for a new mission has been made at Ridgeway, on the Eastern shore of Maryland. The congregation is at present supplied by the missionary at Wyoming, Delaware, but before long it will need the services of a missionary of its own. I have explored a new field at Great Bend, in the Northern part of Pennsylvania, on the North branch of the Susquehanna, where there is a growing settlement of our people who are ready for church organization. It is believed that this point and Binghamton, N. Y., which I also visited, may constitute a missionary charge.

It will be seen from the report that the English mission in Washington City has at length been established, and a pastor settled over it.—Dr. George B. Russell has been laboring there since January last. It will no doubt require time and patience, faith and hard labor, to bring this enterprise to a successful issue; but experience in such cities as Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, should encourage the church to persevere in faith and hope.

The Reformed Church is gradually gaining a foothold on the Pacific slope. In California and Oregon we have churches, where a few years ago we were unknown. In some places the progress has been slow, in others more encouraging. Only those who are in close communication with the missions know the many trials and difficulties through which they must pass before they become successfully established. But this is their gracious baptism.

The church at large needs to have revived, through all its borders, a missionary spirit. Instead of fearing that we may have more candidates for the ministry than can find fields of labor, the church ought to pray for more laborers, especially for a class of young men, full of zeal and a spirit of self-denial, who may not only be willing but eager to go forth and labor as our fore-fathers in the ministry in this country labored, to lay the foundations for the future in new and destitute fields. Might it not be well for our school of the prophets to pay special attention to this side of ministerial preparation in the training of young men for the holy office?

Just as he was preparing to gather up the fruits of his year's labor and bring the whole interest personally before the several Synods, the Superintendent was overtaken, in the providence of God, with a serious and somewhat prolonged spell of sickness, so that the present report must be prepared by other friendly hands. He regrets very much that he cannot be present at all the meetings of the Synods, and bring before them personally the fruits of his observation and experience in urging forward a cause which lies so near the heart of the church. But he feels assured that any disadvantage which may result in these respects from his illness, will be more than made up by the warm-hearted zeal and rich experience of those in the Board and Council with whom he has labored so harmoniously and pleasantly during the past year. With the prayer that the blessings of the great Head of the church may abundantly rest upon the missionary work of the church, he closes, and hereby respectfully offers this imperfect report of his labors.

THEODORE APPEL,
Superintendent.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United State:

I would most respectfully submit the following statement of moneys received and disbursed for missions during the year ending October 8, 1878:

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.

Received from Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$ 162 16
" " Tolickon	7 9 27
" " Goshenhoppen.....	977 11
" " East Pennsylvania.....	1428 90
" " Lebanon	964 58
" " Lancaster.....	577 25
" " East Susquehanna.....	323 95
" " West Susquehanna.....	582 50
Total from Synod of the U. S.	\$5755 91

Synod of the Potomac.

Received from Classis of Zion.....	\$ 724 63
" " Maryland	1209 72
" " Mercersburg	447 00
" " Virginia	128 00
Total from Synod of the Potomac....	\$2509 35

Amount brought forward. \$8365 86

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Received from Treasurer of Synod.....	\$1076 70	
“ “ Classis of Clarion.....	8 00	
“ “ “ St. Paul.....	45 83	
“ “ “ Somerset.....	65 97	
	\$1196 50	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh.....		\$1196 50

Miscellaneous Sources.

Received from Classis of San Francisco.....	\$ 20 05	
“ “ a friend in Michigan.....	5 00	
“ “ loans.....	795 50	
Balance in Treasury Oct 8, 1877,.....	570 84	
	\$1391 39	
Total from all sources.....		\$10953 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of Board paid during year.....	\$10578 40	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	135 00	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 8, 1878.....	240 35	
	\$10953 75	
Total.....		\$10953 75

It is gratifying to note that the sum contributed by the church for missions during the year just closed is about \$1,500 in excess of last year's contributions, but still inadequate to pay off the indebtedness of the Board to the missionaries. It is earnestly hoped that the great Head of the church will dispose his professed people to greater liberality during the next year, so that at its close the Board may find itself out of debt.

Very respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT,
Treasurer.

HARRISBURG, PA.,
October 8, 1878.

The undersigned, auditing committee of the Board of Missions, have examined the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, comparing it with his vouchers and find it correct.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
D. W. GROSS,
Auditors.

HARRISBURG, PA.,
October 8, 1878.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following Report :
The documents placed in our hands are : the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board, and a Financial Statement from the President of the Tri-Synodic Board. From these we learn that 30 missions have been under the care of the Board, served by 28 missionaries, at a cost to the church of \$10,578 40. To meet back standing and prospective claims, the Board asks from the Synods \$13,000. To make up this sum it is suggested that this Synod raise \$2,000.

In view of the fact that the missionary territory of the Pittsburgh Synod is at such a distance from that of the other two Synods, and inasmuch as we are presumed to have the most correct knowledge of our own missionary wants; we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the members of the Tri-Synodic Board within the bounds of this Synod, be instructed to organize themselves into a Board, advisory to the Tri-Synodic Board, and that the said Board be required to meet semi-annually, or oftener if circumstances demand it, for the purpose of considering the wants of our missions, that they may represent their wants to the Tri-Synodic Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to see that our missionaries be regularly paid, through the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board, from the funds that may come into his hands.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board to hold Missionary Conferences in the congregations where it may be necessary to make special efforts on behalf of the cause of Missions.

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 be apportioned to the different Classes for missions during the year.

Resolved, That all Classes having contributed moneys to the support of missions and weak charges within their bounds, additional to the appropriations of the Mission Board, and which Classes are in arrears on Synodical apportionment, be allowed a credit on such arrearages equal in amount to the sum thus given by them during the past three years.

Resolved, That item one of the report of the committee on Minutes of Classes, and the resolution referring to the mission in East Liberty and Wilkinsburg, be referred to the Synodical Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. SWANDER.

J. B. THOMPSON.

W. H. BATES.

GEORGE FRITZ,

BENJAMIN ENOS.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully present their annual report. The usual semi-annual and annual meetings have been held and the routine of business transacted. The only important step we took was the employment of the same counsel engaged by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to prosecute and defend the interests of the Seminary in the matter of the Wilhelm bequest.

No additions have been received to the endowment fund during the year.

The Treasurer's report will fully explain the financial condition of the Seminary.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. W. GROSS, President.

EDWARD J. ZAHM, Secretary,

JNO. B. ROTH, Treasurer.

LANCASTER, PA.,
October 1, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Theological Seminary account. John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary in account with

LIBRARY FUND of Theological Seminary.

DR.

1877. Amount of principal.....	\$2069 96
Oct 1. For balance due by Treasurer to date.....	\$103 90
" 1. " Interest A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1877.....	23 56
" 22. " " E. J. Zahm.....	7 50
1878.	
Apr 2. " " E. J. Zahm to Apl. 1878.....	7 50
" 15. " " A. B. Wingerd.....	24 59
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	\$167 05

CR.

Oct. 27, 1877. By am't paid J. M. Stoddart & Co.....	\$ 6 00
Oct. 27. " " A. Bendel.....	5 32
Dec. 13. " " F. W. Christern.....	4 50
Mar. 2, 1878. " " A. H. Roffe & Co.....	12 25
Mar. 11. " " J. M. Stoddart.....	6 00
Apr. 4. " " A. Bendel.....	6 75
May 20. " " F. W. Christern.....	4 10
June 21. " " S. H. Zahm & Co.....	9 30
Aug. 12. " " F. A. Gast's Ex. & Chgs.	1 50
Sep. 13. " " A. Bendel.....	6 10
Sep. 24. " " R. Clarke & Co.....	4 10
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	\$65 92

Oct. 1, 1878. Bal. in hand of Treasurer..... \$101 13

CURRENT EXPENSE acc't of Theo. Sem'y from Oct. 1, '77 to Oct. 1, '78.

DR.

For amount received as interest on End't, Building
and Pittsburgh Prof. funds..... \$4,970 66

CR.

By balance due Treasurer Oct. 1, 1877.....	\$1782 86
Oct. 1, 1878. By sundry payments made per vouchers to date	4297 17
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	\$6,080 03
Oct. 1, 1878. Bal due Treasurer.....	1,109 37
Col. interests due to same date.	1,200 00

SMALTZ FUND.

Am't of principal is..... \$5,000

DR.

Oct. 26, 1877.	For int. P. Franke to Oct. 1, 1877.....	\$150 00
Apr. 1, 1878.	For int. P. Franke to Apl. 1, 1878.....	150 00
Sep. 13, 1878.	For int. I. Showalter in full.....	19 00
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		\$319 00

CR.

Oct. 1, 1877.	By amount due Treasurer to date.....	\$ 10 61
Nov. 17, "	" paid per order No. 1.....	100 00
Dec. 10, "	" " " 2.....	50 00
March 15, 1878.	" " " 3.....	35 00
April 18, "	" " " 4.....	65 00
Sept. 7, "	" " " 5.....	20 00
" 24, "	" " " 6.....	20 00
" 25, "	" " " 7.....	25 00
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		\$ 325 61

Amount Dr. down

319 00

Amount due Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1878

\$ 6 61

BUILDING FUND.

Oct. 1, 1877.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$12221 29
Oct. 1, "	To Geo. Daniels, Note paid.....	25 00
Oct 8, 1878.	" J. N. Zimmerman. Note paid..	5 00
July 20, "	" John Laubach. Note paid.....	9 76
Aug. 19, "	" A. Wilhelm Note paid.....	10 00
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		49 76

Total amount Oct. 1, 1878

\$ 12271 05

PITTSBURGH PROFESSOR FUND.

Oct. 1, 1877.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$1718 30
Oct. 1, 1878.	Interest on \$1424 55 Principal of	
	Notes collected.....	85 47
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Amount of Fund Oct. 1, 1878

\$1718 30

The Board directed the Treasurer to transfer the sum of interest to the Contingent Fund account.

EDWARD J. ZAHN.

LANCASTER, PA.,)
October 1, 1878. (

Rec. Sec.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Oct. 1, 1877.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$64487 81
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No increase to Oct. 1878.

Only about \$60,000 of this fund is interest bearing.

Jno. B. POTH.

Treasurer.

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts, and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

LANCASTER, PA.,)
October 1, 1878. (

WM. A. WILT.
GEO F. KUNKLE.

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Brethren:

The Board of Visitors take pleasure in reporting the continued prosperity of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The institution was opened on the first Wednesday of September, 1877, all the professors being in attendance. Every department was regularly pursued during the whole course of the Seminary year.

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class:—

Alfred F. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzell, Jefferson E. Kerschner, Wm. J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag and Franklin Wetzel, all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College.

The faculty report, that as regards Christian piety and diligent application to study, the tone of the institution has been on a par with what it was in previous years.

The members of the Board attended the examinations at the close of the year. These examinations exhibited the diligence of the professors in imparting instruction and the progress of the students in their studies. It was the opinion of the Board that in several instances this progress was not just what might be expected, but as a whole, the examinations were approved.

The following students, members of the Senior Class, having finished the whole course of study, were honorably dismissed from the Seminary and recommended for licensure to preach the gospel: Adam J. Bachman, Henry E. Cook, Jno. M. Evans, Benjamin B. Ferer, Frederick B. Hahn, Stephen S. Kohler, John H. Lainbach, Samuel M. Roeder, Daniel E. Rupley, John S. Wagner, William H. Xanders.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year was 25.

Although it does not fall exactly within the province of this report, yet we are glad to know that the members of the graduating class, all, with perhaps one or two exceptions, had fields of labor before the present Seminary year opened.

The harvest in the Reformed Church is by no means yet supplied with laborers. The number of ministers in proportion to the membership is much less than in other Protestant denominations. Efforts therefore, should not be relaxed to seek out and encourage young men of the proper talents and qualifications to enter the Seminary with a view of preparing themselves for the holy ministry.

When we consider the yearly mortality in the ranks of the ministry, the large size of many of our charges, and specially the great missionary field yet to be occupied by the Reformed Church, the conclusion is clear, that the number of candidates for the ministry should not diminish, but rather increase. At the same time the Board is of the opinion that the qualifications of the candidates should be kept up to a high standard. The age requires that the ministry should possess not only proper spiritual qualifications, which is the primary desideratum, but also thorough literary culture.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,
Secretary.

LANCASTER, PA., October 5, 1878.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on Theological Seminary beg leave to report as follows:

The papers referred to us are:

1st. The Report of the Board of Visitors. This report informs us that twenty-five students were in attendance during the year whose progress was on a par with previous years.

2nd. The Treasurer's Report which exhibits the financial condition of the Seminary.

3d. The Report of the Board of Trustees from which we learn that the endowment fund has not been increased during the year, although it is believed, the Wilhelm legacy will eventually come into the possession of the authorities of the Seminary.

The Seminary is in every way worthy of the continued confidence of the church, and we would recommend that the ministry of Synod fail not to represent to their people the necessity of a thoroughly educated ministry, for the accomplishment of which the Seminary requires their constant aid and prayers.

Respectfully submitted.

H. HOFFMAN.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.

M. H. DIEFENDERFER.

N. L. K. KLINE.

DAVID HUMPHREY.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Literary Institution of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The Board held a meeting at Greensburg in June last and organized by the election of Revs. J. W. Love, President, and D. B. Lady, Secretary. The only business claiming our attention related to Greensburg Female Seminary. This institution has now been in progress for more than three years, and has been reasonably prosperous, considering the hard times. The course of study in all the departments has been fully settled, and is believed to be such as the wants of female education demand. A high standard of education has been aimed at, and the character of the institution has been fully established and approved by the friends of sound education. Sufficient time has elapsed to develop its own peculiar spirit and animus as an institution. It has, therefore, become a fixed fact as an educational power on its own basis, exercising all the powers and functions of an established institution. The full course of instruction has been gone through with, and its moulding power and impress have stamped themselves indelibly upon the minds and hearts of the young ladies in attendance, especially those composing the graduating class of the last commencement. This was the first class that enjoyed the full benefit of the institution in its entire course of instruction. Their final examination, as witnessed and approved by a competent committee, gave evidence of their attainments in scholarship, and in all that constitutes true culture and refinement.

The graduating exercises were most respectable and would have done credit to older institutions. Greensburg Female Seminary has been successfully established and is entitled to take rank among the respectable Seminaries of the land. It has shown itself worthy the support and patronage of the friends of education generally—but especially does it commend itself to the hearty support of the Reformed Church. Thus far the support has been merely local and from other denominations more than our own. It speaks well of the institution, however, that it has been able during these hard times, to sustain itself almost entirely by home patronage. It is to be regretted that so few daughters of the Reformed Church enjoy the benefits it affords. Very little good can result to the church from such an institution, if it has to seek its pupils from abroad. In such circumstances it must lose its distinctive character as a church school, subserving only the general interests of education.

That the school is not more generally patronized by the church shows a lack of interest in the important subject of female education among our membership. We would therefore, again urge upon the pastors and elders of Synod to keep this important matter before the people, and to press the claims of the institution on their minds by some suitable action.

The number of pupils in attendance is about the same as last year—the average number being about fifty. The graduating class for last year consisted of six members who completed the prescribed course of study of the institution. The condition of the school is excellent, both in regard to scholarship and deportment. The improvement of the young ladies is very marked in every respect. The number of pupils ought to be much increased, and this desirable end can certainly be gained by the proper endorsement and recommendation of Synod.

The teaching force of the institution is full and efficient. None but the most competent teachers are employed. The institution is thorough, scientific and practical. The faculty consists of six teachers. We would recommend the adoption of the following action by Synod :

Resolved, That all the pastors and elders of this Synod be directed to use their influence in the support of Greensburg Female Seminary, and that one page of the cover of the published minutes of Synod be devoted to an advertisement of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE.
J. I. SWANDER.
T. J. BARKLEY.
D. B. LADY.
T. J. CRAIG.
J. M. TITZEL.

Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

To the Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church:—

It is with gratitude to the Father of all mercies, whose promise to be a Father to the fatherless is always fulfilled, in the history of the church, that the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Orphan Home present their annual report.

The Board held one meeting this year, at which there was a good attendance of the members, and a commendable interest manifested in the condition and future welfare of the Home. The business was transacted in a harmonious spirit, and in such a way, we trust, as to advance the interests of the children under our care. A thorough inspection of

the buildings, the condition of the furniture, the grounds and stock. was made, with as satisfactory results, as, under the circumstance of limited means, could be expected. Repairs, costing several hundred dollars, were found to be necessary, and consequently ordered to be made. The condition of the school, and the general management and discipline of the institution are good, and in every way adapted to advance the physical, mental, and spiritual interests of the children.

The Board is also happy to inform the Synod that, at the annual meeting in June, the Home was entirely free from debt, with a small balance in the Treasury. Special attention is called to this point because it is the first time in the history of the institution that the Board could say "we owe no man anything." Since then, however, a debt of about two hundred dollars has been incurred in making the repairs already referred to.

The attention of the Synod is invited to the following points:

1. That our Orphan Home, as organized and conducted, is pre-eminently a Christian Home, where the duties, responsibilities and blessed privileges of the christian life are taught and enjoined upon all the inmates.

2. That the work for which the Home was founded, and in which it is engaged, is a work which the church must not neglect or refuse to perform, because it is a work commended both by the word and example of our Lord, and has the promise of special blessings both in this life and that which is to come.

3. That it is the plain duty of the church to contribute of her substance in such measure as that the present status of the Home shall not only be maintained, but that the sphere of its usefulness may be enlarged, so that all the destitute orphans of the church, and others, may receive its blessings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY.

President of Board.

STATISTICS OF THE HOME.

Soldier's orphans admitted during the year.....	4
Other " " " "	5
Soldier's orphans graduated " "	7
Other orphans provided for by friends.....	4
Deaths.....	1
Remaining in the Home June 12, 1878.....	38

Report of Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Committee on Institutions of Learning Report the following:

Two papers have come into the hands of the committee, viz: The Report of the Board of Trustees of Greensburg Female Seminary, and the Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

We propose the following resolutions:

Resolved. That all the pastors and elders of this Synod be directed to use their influence in the support of Greenburg Female Seminary, and that one page of the cover of the published Minutes of Synod be devoted to an advertisement of the school.

Resolved. That the ministers of Synod be directed to adopt some plan whereby more regular contributions in money and provisions be sent to the Home.

Resolved, That the ministers and consistories of Synod recommend to our people the *Orphan Messenger* published in the interest of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
JOHN DAUBENSPECK,
W. B. SANDOE,
JOS. HANNABERRY,
JOS. LENHART.

Clarion Collegiate Institute.

Resolved, That Synod commends Clarion Collegiate Institute, located at Rimersburg, Clarion, County. Pa., and owned and managed by Clarion Classis, to the hearty sympathy and patronage of our Reformed members within the bonds of this Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

REPORT OF THE S. S. BOARD AS ADOPTED.

The Sunday School Board ask leave to submit the following report:—

The Board having no definite duty, have, in accordance with the custom of previous years, prepared the following topics relating to the Sunday School work, for discussion at this annual meeting, and assigned the opening speakers:

1. The relation of the Sunday School to the Church.
Rev. J. W. Pontious.
2. The Sunday School as a Missionary Agency.
Rev. A. E. Truxal.
3. How can we secure the full and hearty co-operation of the parents in the work of the Sunday School.
Rev. H. F. Keener.
4. Sunday school worship—what should it be?
Rev. T. J. Barkley.
5. Should we teach the distinctive doctrine of our church in the Sunday School? How should it be done?
Rev. J. M. Titzel.
6. The best method of cultivating a spirit of benevolence among the children.
Rev. J. I. Swander.

The Board recommends that Thursday and Friday evening sessions be set apart for the holding of a Sunday School Convention for the discussion of the topics; that the opening speeches be limited to *fifteen minutes*, and those in general discussion to *five minutes*, and that four hundred copies of the programme be printed for general distribution.

W. F. LICHLITER,
Secretary.

C. U. HEILMAN, President.
H. D. DARBAKER,
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER.

Duties of the S. S. Board defined.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Sunday School Board to consider the general interests of Sunday school work within the bounds of Synod, and to propose for the consideration of Synod any action having in view the promotion of said work.

Resolved, That it be a further duty of the Board to prepare topics relating to the Sunday school work, with speakers assigned, for discussion at the annual meeting, and announce the same through *The Messenger* at least one month before the time of the annual meeting of Synod; and also have a sufficient number of copies of the programme printed for distribution in the church in which the meeting of Synod is held.

Resolved, That two sessions of the next annual meeting of Synod be devoted to the holding of a Sunday School Convention for the discussion of the topics proposed by the Board.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The work of the Board has been carried forward in the ordinary way during the past year. The students under our care have received their appropriations with considerable regularity. Jno. S. Wagner has completed his theological course and has been examined and licensed by the Somerset Classis, and is now engaged in teaching in the Preparatory department of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa.

Seven young men are now under the care of this Board, and in view of the probability of new applications during the ensuing year, we would recommend that the Synod designate \$1,500 for this work.

In view of the resignation of Geo. B. Russell, D. D., owing to his removal from our bounds, it will be necessary for Synod to fill his two years of unexpired term. The term of J. W. Love expires at this meeting of Synod. Asking the continuance of God's blessing and the favor of the church upon the cause, the report is

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of Board *pro tem*.

Report of the Committee on Education as adopted.

The only paper which came into our hands was the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education; in reference to which we recommend the adoption of the following items, viz:

Item 1. That \$1,500 be appropriated for the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Item 2. That the vacancy caused by the removal of Dr. George B. Russell, and that caused by the expiration of the term of office of Rev. J. W. Love, be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. STECKEL,
A. K. KLINE,
JNO. WOLBACH,
JAC. L. WEBER,
WM. MARTZ.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Annual Report of the Board for the Eleven months ending with September 1, 1878.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submit the following report :

The Board has had three regular meetings during the year. At the first regular meeting Daniel W. Gross was elected *President*, and Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, for the ensuing year.

The particular business entrusted to the Board has received prompt and careful attention. During the early part of the year, the prospects were very encouraging, as there was a considerable increase in the business and receipts of the Board. During the summer months, however, a more than usual falling off in business and receipts was experienced, so that the bright prospects of the earlier part of the year were more or less blighted. Still, in this experience, the Board has not been alone, as the depression has been felt most seriously by all business circles. Though we are not able to report as favorable results as we had fondly anticipated, yet there is, all things considered, no real ground for discouragement. With an improvement in the business condition of the country, and the hearty co-operation of the church, we can confidently expect to make encouraging progress in the future.

The Board has deemed it expedient to make the financial year close with the last of August, one month earlier than heretofore, so that the present report covers a period of eleven months. This change was found necessary in view of the fact, that the financial year, ending as heretofore, so very near the time for holding the annual meetings of the several Synods represented in the Board, too short a time was allowed the officials of the Board for taking a careful amount of stock and gathering and formulating all the material necessarily entering into the annual report. The fact must be borne in mind, when instituting a comparison between the results presented in the present and in any previous report.

The Board gave the contracts for executing its work during the year to the lowest and best bidder, and has made arrangements to do the same in reference to the ensuing year.

With a view to continue the careful supervision over the affairs of the Board, and the exercise of a proper scrutiny into its condition, inaugurated during the previous year, a committee of three, in which each of the Synods included in the Board was represented, was again appointed, who met two days prior to the annual meeting of the Board itself, and entered into an investigation similar to the one made the previous year. The following is the report of the committee as presented to the Board and adopted by it :

PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 18, 1878.

The undersigned committee appointed by the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of taking an inventory of the stock, and ascertain the amount of assets, and put a just and fair valuation on the same, and also to ascertain the amount of the liabilities of said Board, do report as follows :

That we have made a careful estimate of the value of the stock in the store, publications, materials on hand, and all other assets, with the following result:

Estimated value of assets	-	-	-	-	-	\$44,623 34
Real estate	-	-	-	-	-	35,000 00
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						\$79,623 34
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	\$32,097 36
Mortgage	-	-	-	-	-	20,000 00
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						\$52,097 36
Excess of assets	-	-	-	-	-	<hr/>
						\$27,525 98

One year ago when your committee examined the stock, they found a number of publications which had been ordered by Synod, on hand, for which there was little or no demand, as well as a large number of back volumes of the *Review* and *Guardian*, which had been previously estimated at the cost of publication—these they put a low valuation upon. But still finding the larger portion of this dead matter on hand, we have further reduced them to a mere nominal value in our present estimate.

We find the stock of goods in the store generally fresh, and kept in good order; but in view of the large depreciation in the value of all kinds of merchandize during the past year, we have made material reductions from cost on many of the goods on hand.

We find that owing to the very limited amount of patronage extended to the establishment by the church at large, the amount of stock on hand is too large for the amount of sales, and would suggest the reduction of the stock as soon as possible, proportionate to the amount of business done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL.

J. W. LOVE.

A. B. WINGERD.

Committee.

In accordance with the suggestion of the committee in the foregoing report, the Board appointed a special committee from its own members, to make arrangements for working off, by special effort, all surplus stock in the establishment.

The decrease in the assets of the Board, as compared with those presented a year ago, is to be accounted for by the further deduction made on the previous valuation by the committee, referred to in their report. Apart from this deduction they would compare favorably with those of the previous year.

From the full and minute statement of the operations of the Board during the eleven months covered by this report, and of the present condition of the establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, the following summing up of the receipts and disbursements is gathered:

Receipts for eleven months	-	-	-	-	-	\$31,520 14
Disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	32,116 30
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Excess of disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	\$596 16

Treasurer's advances Oct. 1, 1877	- - - -	\$14,255 60
Add excess of disbursements	- - - -	596 16
Total Treasurer's advances Sep. 1, 1878	-	\$14,851 76

From the report of the Superintendent, it still further appears, that the subscription lists of the several papers vary but little as to the number of subscribers from that reported a year ago. The most material decrease is in the list of the *Child's Treasury*, which reaches nine hundred and forty-four. There is a decrease in that of the *Messenger* of forty-two; *Review*, twenty-one; *Lesson Papers*, forty-two; and an increase to that of the *Guardian* of fifty-eight. The small decrease in the *Messenger* list, especially, may be accounted for by the careful pruning to which it has been subjected, in the way of relieving it of unprofitable subscribers.

The receipts and disbursements, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, show the former to be about the same as, and the latter considerably less than those of the last year, which is an encouraging feature.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:—

WHEREAS, The Superintendent reports to this Board, that the *Messenger* is published at a cost of about \$2,000 more than is received on account of subscriptions to it; and *Whereas*, it is not deemed expedient to increase the subscription prices, therefore

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to use a cheaper grade of paper, and if arrangements can be made with other religious papers, to publish the inside pages of the large issue, on what is known as the co-operative plan.

Resolved, That the attention of the three Synods specially interested in the support of the printing establishment, be directed to the loss sustained in publishing the *Messenger*, and that they be urged to make every possible effort to increase the subscription list to at least ten thousand paying subscribers.

Resolved, That as an inducement to take the *Messenger*, new cash subscribers be furnished with it from the date of subscribing to the end of 1878 without charge.

With the approaching 1st of January, the term of service of George Gelbach, of the Synod of the United States will expire, and also that of one member of the Board from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve on these Synods to fill the vacancies that shall thus occur.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. GROSS,
President.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
October 1, 1878.

Report of the Committee on Publication as adopted.

Your Committee on Publication submit the following as their report:

The only documents that have come into our hands, are the annual report of the Board of Publication, and the resolution referred to us by Synod requesting that the salary now paid the Synodical Editor of the *Messenger*, be used to further the general interests of the Board.

From the annual report we learn, that the publications have all been carried forward successfully, with the exception of the *Messenger*, which is published at a cost of \$2,000 more than is received on account

of subscriptions to it." To meet this deficiency, the Board urges the several Synods to make every possible effort to increase the subscription list.

In view of this your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the felt need of the *Messenger* as a co-worker in every family, to advance the Master's cause, is hereby recognized, and all pastors are urged to increase the circulation, and their attention is directed to the offer of the Board.

Resolved, That in order to reduce the deficiency still further, we recommend to the Board the propriety of using an additional space for advertisements of a proper character.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient at this time to recommend any change in the editorial management of the *Messenger*, but respectfully urge the Publication Board, if advisable, to still further reduce expenses.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER.
D. B. LADY.
F. B. HAHN.
CASPER KAMERER.
JOHN SHRUM.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish 2,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod and distribute them as usual.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE

Report of the Treasurer.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Dear Brethren: Accompanying this is the detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of your Treasurer during the past year. The gross amount received is considerably in excess of the past year. This is largely owing to Classis falling in with Synod's request to disburse their funds through your Treasurer. There is at present a balance in the hands of your Treasurer, but not enough to cover the appropriations now due, as follows:

Due to the missionaries in the bounds of this Synod	\$300
Iowa appropriation	350
Beneficiary appropriation, first installment	360

Your Treasurer has been struggling to get our missionaries paid up so that all funds for Home Missions should be disbursed through the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board according to the action of Synod. As it has been for some time, our connection with that Board has been more nominal than real, as we have not contributed anything towards the general expenses of that Board. If in the wisdom of Synod it is desirable to continue our connection with that Board, it would certainly be but justice that they should disburse the moneys received for Home Missions.

Several of the Classes are considerably in arrears in paying their ap-

portionments. This arises in part by the action of Classes* in making classical appropriations within their respective bounds thus consuming largely their receipts.

I would respectfully recommend that the Board of Beneficiary Education elect a Treasurer, vice Rev. G. B. Russell, D^c D., resigned, to disburse the funds in that department.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer.

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer, in account with

Pittsburgh Synod.

DR.

Oct. 18, 1877.	Balance.....	\$ 123 55
Oct. 28, 1877.	Rec'd from Westmoreland Classis by Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer.....	\$170 00
Oct. 28, 1877.	Receipts from same.....	179 07
Dec. 13, 1877.	Cash and receipts from same.....	68 00
Jan. 2, 1878.	" " ".....	60 00
Jan. 29, 1878.	" " ".....	125 00
Mar. 8, 1878.	" " ".....	76 00
May 8, 1878.	" " ".....	100 00
June 28, 1878.	" " ".....	200 00
July 11, 1878.	" " ".....	200 00
Sep. 30, 1878.	" " ".....	100 00
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Clarion Classis.

Oct. 28, 1877.	From Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer of Clarion Classis.....	\$ 90 81
Nov. 21, 1877.	Rec'd from same.....	27 00
Feb. 3, 1878.	" ".....	109 37
Feb. 16, 1878.	" ".....	46 00
Apr. 4, 1878.	" ".....	33 00
May 4, 1878.	" ".....	123 78
June 27, 1878.	" ".....	199 96
Oct. 4, 1878.	" ".....	106 70
Oct. 8, 1878.	" ".....	80 57
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St. Paul Classis.

Nov. 16, 1877.	By C. M. Bousch, Esq., Treasurer of St. Paul Classis.....	\$ 68 00
June 20, 1878.	By the same.....	50 00
Oct. 1, 1878.	" ".....	66 86
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		184 86
Amount carried forward.....		\$2408 67

*Allegheny Classis appropriated to Mansfield \$100
Henshue charge \$100.

Amount brought forward..... \$2403 67

Somerset Classis.

Dec. 4, 1877.	By Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treasurer of Somerset Classis.....	\$ 65 00
Jan. 25, 1878.	By the same.....	33 70
Feb. 8, 1878.	" ".....	125 33
May 16, 1878.	" ".....	20 00
June 14, 1878.	" ".....	50 00
June 19, 1878.	" ".....	166 21
Sep. 3, 1878.	" ".....	22 00
Sep. 11, 1878.	" ".....	20 00
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Allegheny Classis.

Jan. 29, 1878.	By T. J. Craig, Treasurer, of Allegheny Classis.....	\$150 00
Apr. 4, 1878.	By the same.....	100 00
Apr. 15, 1878.	" ".....	50 00
Sep. 30, 1878.	" ".....	100 00
Oct. 8, 1878.	" ".....	100 00
		<hr/> 500 00

Total receipts.....	\$3405 91
Total disbursements.....	2998 27
	<hr/> \$407 64

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer.

Missions.

C.R.

Oct. 18, 1877.	Rev. S. Z. Beam, W'd. Classis.....	\$100 00
Oct. 18, 1877.	" John F. McConnell.....	64 07
Oct. 18, 1877.	H. G. Geyer.....	15 00
Oct. 24, 1877.	Charles Santee, Treas. Iowa Mission....	50 00
Nov. 9, 1877.	Rev. H. D. Darbaker.....	150 00
Nov. 28, 1877.	" J. J. Pennepacker.....	50 00
Dec. 13, 1877.	" S. Z. Beam.....	50 00
Dec. 26, 1877.	" F. R. Schwedes.....	33 70
Jan. 29, 1878.	" H. D. Darbaker.....	75 00
Feb. 6, 1878.	" J. M. Souder.....	62 50
Feb. 6, 1878.	" J. J. Pennepacker.....	41 67
Feb. 7, 1878.	" G. B. Russell, Esq. as Com.....	18 00
Feb. 12, 1878.	" F. R. Schwedes.....	25 00
Feb. 26, 1878.	Charles Santee, Treas. Iowa Mission....	50 00
April 4, 1878.	Rev. S. C. Beam.....	75 00
June 15, 1878.	" J. M. Souder.....	62 50
June 15, 1878.	" H. D. Darbaker.....	75 00
June 19, 1878.	" F. R. Schwedes.....	25 00
June 26, 1878.	" F. R. Schwedes.....	100 00
July 20, 1878.	" J. J. Pennepacker, bal.....	8 33
Sep. 19, 1878.	Charles Santee, Treas. Iowa Mission....	50 00
Sep. 23, 1878.	Rev. F. R. Schwedes.....	100 00
Sep. 23, 1878.	" S. Z. Beam.....	31 00
Oct. 4, 1878.	" H. D. Darbaker.....	150 00
Oct. 8, 1878.	" J. M. Souder.....	125 00
		<hr/> \$1588 77

Amount brought forward. - - - - - 1586 77

Beneficiary Education.

Nov. 28, 1877.	Rev. G. B. Russell, Treas. B. E. Bd....	\$255 17	
Dec. 13, 1877.	A. C. Bowling, Ben'y Student.....	18 00	
Dec. 26, 1877.	Rev. G. B. Russell, Treas.....	65 00	
Mar. 26, 1878.	Check to Rev. Thomas Apple.....	376 00	
May 16, 1878.	J. S. Wagner, Student.....	20 00	
June 19, 1878.	S. J. Reiter, ".....	50 00	
July 15, 1878.	E. Winginroth ".....	60 00	
July 16, 1878.	John Swift ".....	60 00	
July 18, 1878.	C. Gumbert ".....	60 00	
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Synodical Expenses.

Feb. 7, 1878.	Printing Minutes Synodical Report.....	\$ 75 33	
Feb. 12, 1878.	Printing Minutes in full.....	25 00	
May 16, 1878.	Apportionment of General Synod.....	117 00	
June 16, 1878.	Rev. H. F. Keener, Salary Stated Clerk..	50 00	
		<hr/>	\$267 33
June 16, 1878.	Rev. G. B. Russell claims from Treas. Westmoreland Classis.....	100 00	
Sept. 19, 1878.	From Treas. of Clarion.....	70 00	
		<hr/>	\$170

Total Credits \$2998 27

Amounts due from the Classes.

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$ 621 00
Clarion ".....	217 30
St. Paul ".....	1065 14
Somerset ".....	564 45
Allegheny ".....	280 00

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. CRAIG,
Treasurer.

October, 1878.

Report of the Committee on Finance as adopted.

Your Committee on Finance offer the following report :

The papers referred to us are the report of the Treasurer of Synod, one item from the report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and one item from the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, and the letter from Rev. C. Cort, of Iowa Classis.

The Treasurer's report was audited and found correct.

By the action of Synod the different amounts here given are appropriated:

For Missions	\$2,000
Beneficiary education	1,500
Synodical expenses	200
General Synods expenses	100

Total

 \$3,800

We make the following apportionments upon the Classes, specifying the several amounts for Missions, Beneficiary Education and Synodical Expenses :

Westmoreland Classis.

For Missions	\$518 00
Beneficiary education	387 00
Synodical expenses	78 50
Total	\$983 50

Clarion Classis.

For Missions	\$466 50
Beneficiary education	350 00
Synodical expenses	70 00
Total	\$886 50

St. Paul Classis.

For Missions	\$316 50
Beneficiary education	237 50
Synodical expenses	47 50
Total	\$601 50

Somerset Classis.

For Missions	\$366 50
Beneficiary education	275 00
Synodical expenses	55 00
Total	\$696 50

Allegheny Classis.

For Missions	\$333 00
Beneficiary education	250 00
Synodical expenses	50 00
Total	\$633 00

We give the various amounts due from Classes on Russell claim :

Westmoreland Classis, Dr. to	\$258 00
Cr. by cash	100 00
Balance due	\$158 00
Clarion Classis, Dr. to	\$234 00
Cr. by cash	170 00
Balance due	\$64 00
St. Paul Classis, Dr. to	\$158 00
Somerset Classis, Dr. to	185 00
Allegheny Classis, Dr. to	167 00
Total	\$1,000 00

Classes in arrears and the amount of arrearages are reported by the Treasurer.

In reference to the acknowledging and publishing the receipts of benevolent moneys, the following is proposed :

Resolved, That the several Treasurer's of Classes be requested to have all the acknowledgements of benevolent moneys published in the church papers, and from what charges they are received.

As touching the letter from Rev. C. Cort, setting forth the balance of \$350, still due on the pledge of \$500, given by the Synod at Irwin, towards the support of missions in Iowa Classis, your committee recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay \$100 of the balance in hand, to the Treasurer of Iowa Classis, and the remaining \$250 at as early a date as the state of the treasury will permit.

Respectfully submitted.

F. PILGRAM.

T. R. DIETZ.

JAS. GRANT.

DAVID CRAWFORD.

GEORGE B. WALP.

Contingent Fee.

Revs. C. U. Heilman, L. D. Steckel and Elder George Fritz were appointed a committee to collect a contingent fee of 25 cents from each member of Synod. This committee afterward reported their duty performed and \$17.00 collected.

The S. S. Board reported expenses incurred in having programmes printed as by Synod's order \$2.75.

The committee on Nominations reported an expense of \$2.00 incurred in having tickets printed.

Total contingent expense \$4.75.

The chairman of the above committee was ordered to pay these expenses and hand the remainder to the pastor *loci*, for the sexton.

ARTICLE XX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted and the committee ordered to have one hundred tickets printed for the use of Synod. The committee in due time reported their duty attended to at a cost of \$2.00, which was ordered to be paid out of the contingent fund.

The election was made the *Order of Day* for Monday morning immediately after the opening of the session. Rev. Jos. H. Apple and Elder Erastus Wible were appointed tellers. The roll was called and each member of Synod deposited his ticket at the call of his name. The result of the election was as follows:

Trustees of Synod.—Elder John Troxel, and to fill vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Rev. W. H. Bates.

Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.—Rev. J. W. Pontious, and Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, jr., A. Moyer.

Trustees of Literary Institution.—Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxel and Elder T. J. Craig.

Board of Beneficent Education.—Rev. J. W. Love, and to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Rev. H. F. Keener.

Board of Missions.—Rev. L. D. Steckel, and to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Rev. H. D. Darbak.

Sunday School Board.—Revs. C. U. Heilman and H. D. Darbaker, J. F. Snyder, S. R. Bridenbaugh and J. McConnell.

Synodical Editor.—Rev. T. J. Barkley.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For *five years*, Elder John Troxel; *four years*, Rev. W. H. Bates; *three years*, Rev. J. W. Alspach; *two years*, Elder George Fritz; *one year*, Elder H. L. Baer.

Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.

Four years, Rev. J. W. Pontious and Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, jr., A. Moyer; *three years*, Revs. J. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *two years*, Revs. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds and Elder Peter Keil; *one year*, Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. W. Alspach, J. Hannaberry and Elder Eli George.

Trustees of Literary Institution.

Three years, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal and Elder T. J. Craig; *two years*, Revs. J. I. Swander, J. M. Titzel, T. J. Barkley; *one year*, Rev. J. W. Love and Elders H. L. Baer, W. R. Barnhart.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

Five years, Rev. J. W. Love; *four years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; *three years*, Rev. L. Cort; *two years*, Rev. H. F. Keener; *one year*, Elder Jacob Hershey.

Board of Missions.

Four years, Rev. L. D. Steckel; *three years*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *two years*, Rev. C. U. Heilman; *one year*, Rev. F. Pilgram.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Elders T. J. Craig, W. E. Schmertz and W. J. Baer.

Board of Visitors to the Seminary.

Revs. John M. Titzel and Jos. H. Apple.

Sunday School Board.

Revs. C. U. Heilman, H. D. Darbaker, J. F. Snyder, S. R. Bridenbaugh and Jno. McConnell.

Publication Board.

Rev. Jno. W. Love and Elder B. Wolff, jr.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Request.

Rev. Jos. H. Apple was requested to furnish the substance of the opening sermon in the form of an article for the *Mercersburg Review*.

Rule of Synod.

Synod determined that hereafter it shall be a standing rule that the President shall preside at the Synodical Communion, and similar practice was recommended to the Classes.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the families of the Reformed Church at St. Petersburg, and all others who have so kindly entertained us, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit, and offer it for publication in the *Crude Local*.

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby tendered to the authorities of the Allegheny Valley, and the Connellsville Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, for allowing reduced fare over their roads; and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate this action to the proper persons.

Resolved, That Synod tenders its hearty thanks to the pastor and officers of the Presbyterian church for granting the free use of their church to the Synod for the sessions of its Sunday School convention and missionary meeting.

The roll was called and no member present during any of the sessions, was found absent without excuse. The unexcused absentees were referred to their several Classes. Rev. L. Cort was excused for absence. Those members who did not appear until the sessions were in progress, were excused. The Record was read and approved at every morning session, and at the close of Monday afternoon session before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, P. M., October 14, 1878, to meet in general convention in Grace church, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 8, A. D., 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed by joining in the repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the L. M. Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

H. F. KEENER.
Stated Clerk.

JOHN M. TITZEL,
President.

Official copy from the original Record.

H. F. KEENER.
Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By letter or renew.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Renewal of names.	Leaves.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Nicholas P. Hacke, D. D.	Superannuated.	2	270	237	88	1	82	13	280	5		4	8	2	170	\$150 00	\$1470 00		Greensburg, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
Jacob F. Snyder.	2 Emmanuel.	2	202	175	9	6	6	9	190	5		15	6	2	90	55 00	500 00		Manor Dale.
John L. Swander.	2 Salem.	3	270	257	21	4	20	9	246	5		15	9	2	193	244 27	1560 00		Latrobe.
John W. Love.	3 Second Greensburg.	3	450	400	3		16	3	300	3		9	1	1	100	181 00	1050 00		Greensburg.
David B. Lady.	3 Brush Creek.	1	176	165	10	4	16	5	145	3		9	8	1	80	70 00	850 00	1	Manor Station.
John M. Titzel.	1 Irwin.	3	101	59	15	8	9	9	101	1		1	1	2	103	57 00	468 00	1	Irwin.
John M. McConnell.	1 Pine Run.	1	123	97	14	1	6	9	116	1		1	1	1	108	53 29	784 75		Salina.
Henry Bair.	1 Without Charge.	4	220	126	23	1	12	4	180			5	4	2	215	164 91	800 00		North Washington.
J. Wm. Kappenberger.	1 Mt. Pleasant.	2	400	300	19	1	2	2	270	2		2	2	2	250	200 00	1200 00		Greensburg.
Samuel Z. Beam.	2 First Greensburg.	1	35	40	1		2		32	8		2	1	1	75		500 00		Mt. Pleasant.
Lucian Cort.	1 Without Charge.	1	130	140	14	1	4		115			2	1	1	60		400 00		Greensburg.
C. K. Dieffenbacher.	1 St. James.	3	875	178	10		16		170			2	1	1	50	65 00	500 00		Greensburg.
I. B. Leasure.*	1 Latrobe																		Latrobe.
Vacant.	3 Pleasant Unity.																		Pleasant Unity.
Vacant.	1 Without Charge.																		St. Clair.
James Grant																			
Total		14	2692	2173	178	16	123	44	2125	37		28	46	20	1495	\$1190 47	10082 75	2	

* Suspended.

† Supplied by Rev. H. Bair.

The statistics of the 1st Greensburg and the Brush Creek charges are imperfect as the pastors of those charges have not yet taken a census of them having but recently taken charge of them.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS		CHARGES		PORT-OFFICE ADDRESS.													
Congregations		Members		Unconfirmed	Infants	Adults	Communicants	By letter	Communi- cants	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benefactors	Local Objects	Students for Ministry.
W. C. Houtt.	47	34	5						42			1	1	50	\$13 25	950 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
Henry Hoffman.	225	200	25				8	4	240			6	2	150	256 98	950 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
D. S. Hoffmeyer.	255	215	22				8	13	243	5		5	2	150	164 00	950 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
A. H. Kline.	217	164	13				4	18	203	4	1	3	3	191	196 00	705 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
John Wolbach.	300	270	32				18	1	335			17	2	200	383 10	900 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
W. C. B. B. B. B.	322	260	14				11	11	305	2		4	1	165	284 50	1150 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
M. H. B. B. B. B.	165	117	11				8	15	165	1		4	3	75	104 00	552 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
J. B. Thompson.	275	240	13				2	77	285			6	4	173	101 58	840 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
T. H. Dietz	150	100	12				2	77	190			4	4	100	93 76	500 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
Vacant	270	200	17				4	4	241	2		17	4	230	108 89	812 00	Linville, Clarion Co., Penn'a
Vacant	170	220	18				1		10			1	2	60	15 30	132 39	Armstrong Co
H. W. Hoffmeyer.																	
J. J. Pennepacker.																	
Total	11	2296	2000	186	12	178	64	3036	24	1	20	72	34	1431	\$1258 59	17348 80	3

STATISTICAL REPORT

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Baptisms.	Adults.	Confirmations.	By letter.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Resure of names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joe. H. Apple.	2 Saegertown.	2	180	130	12	19	19	19	3	175	1	—	—	4	1	30	\$165 00	\$450 00	2	Saegertown, Penn'a.
F. P. Hartmetz.	2 Sharon.	2	200	159	19	19	19	19	7	153	4	—	—	1	1	55	20 00	9450 00	—	Sharon.
*D. D. Leberman.	2 Meadville.	2	200	84	19	20	20	20	4	180	1	—	—	11	2	215	110 00	1600 00	—	Meadville.
Joelab May.	2 Mercer.	2	125	75	3	8	8	8	6	103	1	—	—	3	2	75	23 00	—	—	Balm.
F. Pilgram.	4 Shenango.	4	500	326	20	24	24	24	2	425	2	—	—	19	4	275	315 00	125 00	—	Greenville.
J. W. Pontious.	4 Zion'a.	4	122	122	16	8	8	8	7	128	1	—	—	8	3	165	124 00	55 00	—	Cochranston.
F. B. Hahn.	2 Greenville.	2	215	170	—	12	12	12	10	196	3	—	—	—	2	160	74 00	—	—	Greenville.
Total.		18	1532	1075	99	120	120	120	39	1363	12	—	—	41	15	1075	\$344 00	\$3240 00	2	

*Pastors' Salaries.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHURCHES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Bap- tisms.	Confirmations.	By letter or renew ^d	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Transfer of names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.	English minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benjamin Knepper.	3 Wellersburg.	149	120	34	31	108	5	108	5	6	6	6	6	75	\$20 00	1106 00			Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.
H. F. Keener.	5 Zion.	281	270	65	26	304	4	304	4	13	13	13	13	200	123 98	1000 00	1		Berlin,
A. E. Truxal.	4 Somerset.	275	180	23	16	250	6	250	6	2	2	2	2	150	140 00	1000 00			"
L. D. Steckel.	4 Meyersdale.	361	245	19	23	320	10	320	10	5	5	5	5	215	23 78	1000 00			"
F. K. Schwedes.	1 Cumberland.	150	125	15	6	140	9	140	9	5	5	5	5	100	40 00	1400 00			Cumberland, Maryland.
C. U. Heilman.	4 Paradi-e.	358	222	19	19	310	4	310	4	9	9	9	9	280	143 85	1170 00	1		Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.
John Ruhl.	1 Frostburg.	168	160	20	14	168	1	168	1	4	4	4	4	160	632 00	875 00			Frostburg, Maryland.
W. H. Bates.	5 Beam.	409	184	35	22	354	1	354	1	9	9	9	9	250	183 02	984 00			Stoystown, Somerset Co., Pa.
A. R. Bridenbaugh.	1 Berlin.	240	150	28	24	190	5	190	5	1	1	1	1	150	134 60	840 00	1		Berlin.
	*Hoonersville.	31	30	1	8	29	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	55	9 00	-			
Total.		2463	1646	259	189	2173	44	2173	44	67	67	67	67	1615	1441 08	8255 60	3		

*W. H. Bates supply.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1878.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Communicants.	Disseminated.	Recommmunicated.	Hearers of names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.	English Minutes	German of Synod.
					Infants.	Adults.												
Westmoreland.	14	24	2 692	2 172	177	16	2 125	27	28	46	20	1 495	\$1190 47	10082 75	10082 75	2	2	
Clarion.	11	31	2 386	2 080	185	12	2 036	24	30	72	28	1 421	1258 59	17843 39	17843 39	3	3	
St. Paul.	7	18	1 532	1 075	99		1 362	12	12	41	15	1 075	844 00	8640 00	8640 00	2	2	
Somerset	9	28	2 461	1 646	259		2 173	44	35	60	26	1 615	1441 08	8235 60	8235 60	3	3	
Allegheny.	11	12	1 165	773	56	13	959	15	35	25	8	727	1205 00	5964 00	5964 00	3	3	
Pittsburgh Synod. Classes.	5	113	10 1572	7 746	806	41	8 745	123	1	244	97	6 383	\$5 939 00	50285 74	50285 74	13	13	
Synod of U. S.	8 207	434	65 76	33 753	5 730	317 3	53 798	555	17 866	2365	505	37 947	20635 00	185433 00	185433 00	60	60	
Synod of Ohio.	12 162	340	24 550	11 307	1 496	464 1	19 592	968	19 408	541	253	20 134	7082 00	81870 00	81870 00	23	23	
Synod of North-west.	9 132	202	16 459	13 048	1 627	9	13 185	230	111	11	432	9 692	7980 00	53063 00	53063 00	18	18	
Synod of Potomac.	6 125	255	26 064	15 759	1 394	157 1	22 598	294	6	22	627	14 839	9450 20	81825 07	81825 07	29	29	
East German Synod.	5 39	36	7 709	5 183	1 436	18	6 552	85	62	327	36	5 173	4195 00	51769 00	51769 00	5	5	
Synods 6. Classes.	45 717	1380	151 711	86 796	12 439	1006 8	124 780	1559	216	950	1267	94 168	\$55 232 34	\$50314 81	\$50314 81	143	143	

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ERRATA.

In part of the issue, page 32, bottom line. read \$596.16. instead of \$566 16. Next line above should be \$32,119.30.

Statistical Summary. column of members. and line of Pittsburgh Synod, should be 10,157.

Same column, line of Synod of U. S. should be 66,762. Column of "Confirmations," and line of East German Synod should be 544.

Column of "Benevolent Contributions," and line of Pittsburgh Synod. insert 14 cents.

~~WHEN FURNISHING~~ REQUIRED IN SLEEPING ROOM, EACH PUPIL \$ 00

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TUITION FOR DAY SCHOLARS, IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.	18 00
" " " " IN COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT,	33 00
Twenty-five per cent discount to ministers' daughters on the above charges.	

EXTRA CHARGES.

FRENCH FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR	-	-	\$20 00
MUSIC, PIANO OR ORGAN	-	-	38 00
" PRIVATE VOCAL LESSONS	-	-	38 00
USE OF INSTRUMENT. (<i>One hour daily</i>)	-	-	10 00
WASHING, PLAIN PIECES, PER DOZ. (<i>Dresses Extra</i>).			60
STATIONERY. (<i>Copy books, Pens, Ink, and Crayon</i>).			2 00
Drawing.	-	-	20 00
PAINTING, IN WATER COLORS.	-	-	20 00
" IN OIL.	-	-	40 00
WHEN FIRE IS REQUIRED IN SLEEPING ROOM, EACH PUPIL			8 00

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States assembled in general convention in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 8th, A. D. 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until October 13th, at 10 o'clock, P. M., when the final adjournment took place. Rev. Jno. M. Titzel, the President, preached the opening sermon from Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, Jno. A. Swander,* Jno. W. Love, David B. Lady,* Jno. M. Titzel, Jno. McConnell, Samuel Z. Beam, Lucian Cort, C. R. Dieffenbacher, James Grant, Geo. D. Gurley, Benj. B. Ferer, John Dotterer.

Elders.—Philip Hill,† Henry Hugus,‡ Eli Sell, L. P. Naly, Jos. Cort, Wm. Barnhart,‡ Michael Bortz, George Hugus,‡ Matthias Soxman.‡

Clarion Classis.—Revs. Henry Hoffman,¶ D. S. Dieffenbacher, Alpha K. Kline, John Wolbach, M. H. Diefenderfer, Jos. Thompson, Tilghman R. Dietz, Geo. A. Whitmore, Jno. M. Evans.¶

* Excused after Friday's sessions. Rev. D. B. Lady returned on Monday morning.

† Only present during Saturday's sessions. Excused.

‡ Appeared on Thursday morning. Elder Geo. Hugus excused after Thursday P. M.

¶ Appeared on Thursday P. M.

Elders.—David Knoble,* Samuel Barndt,† Frederick Bonnet, Wm. Allshouse,‡ Isaac Shaffer,† Henry Bush,† John Crick.

St. Paul Classis.—Revs. Jos. H. Apple, F. P. Hartmetz, Josiah May, Frederick Pilgram, J. W. Pontious, Fred. B. Hahn.

Elders. John Crick, Samuel Flaugh, C. M. Bousch, Henry Richael, Benjamin Heil,‡ Edwin Ash.

Somerset Classis. Revs. H. F. Keener, A. E. Truxal, L. D. Steckel, C. U. Heilman, Wm. H. Bates, S. R. Bridenbaugh, Jno. S. Wagner.

Elders. Philip Hay,† John Thompson, Conrad Poschman,† John Smith, Wm. G. Knepper, Samuel Musser,† Michael Brubaker.†

Allegheny Classis. Revs. T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer, F. A. Edmonds, Joel W. Alspach, H. D. Darbaker, Chas. Knepper,¶ W. F. Lichliter,¶ J. M. Souder,¶ W. B. Sandoe, J. W. Knappenberger, C. Gumbert.

Elders. T. J. Craig, Jno. Burry,¶ Wm. Ellenberger, J. W. Dersheimer,‡ Geo. F. Rahauser, Daniel Kameron.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Rev. T. Appel, D.D., Rev. C. A. Limberg, Rev. M. C. Dumpstrey.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Revs. R. A. Brown, Reuben Beaver and J. Launitz, of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. P. Norman, of the Episcopal Church, Rev. J. G. Gettman, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Allegheny.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, of Somerset, Pa., was elected *President*.

Rev. H. F. Keener, of Berlin, Pa., is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. H. D. Darbaker, of Delmont, Pa., *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder Thomas J. Craig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The *Rules of Order* adopted by Synod in 1875, were read.

* Appeared on Thursday, P. M.

† Excused from Monday's sessions.

‡ Excused on Saturday for remainder of sessions.

¶ Appeared on Saturday and were excused from further attendance, excepting Elder Burry.

The *Bar of the House* was defined as consisting of the first *nine* pews from the front of the chancel.

Session Hours were adopted as follows:—

From 9½ to 11½ o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M. Evening Sessions to begin at 7½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services. Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. W. Knappenberger, F. A. Edmonds; Elders, T. J. Craig, Geo. F. Rahouser.

Synodical Minutes. Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. I. Swander, F. B. Hahn; Elders, Benj. Heil, Eli Sell.

Classical Minutes. Revs. T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Snyder, J. S. Wagner; Elders, Samuel Flaugh, Samuel Barndt.

Overtures. Revs J. Wolbach, A. K. Kline, James Grant; Elders, Michael Bortz, Wm. Allshouse.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination. Revs. J. W. Love, W. B. Sandoe, M. H. Diefenderfer; Elders, Jos. Cort, C. M. Bousch.

State of the Church. Revs. J. M. Titzel, J. W. Pontious, Josiah May; Elders, John Smith, Wm. Barnhart.

Missions, Home and Foreign. Revs. D. B. Lady, F. P. Hartmetz, S. Z. Beam; Elders John Thompson, Isaac Shaffer.

Theological Seminary. Revs. F. Pilgram, J. F. Snyder, F. B. Hahn; Elders, Wm G. Knepper, J. W. Dersheimer.

Institutions of Learning. Revs. H. D. Darbaker, J. Wolbach, G. D. Gurley; Elders, Wm. Ellenberger, M. Brubaker.

Education. Revs. S. Z. Beam, T. R. Dietz, C. U. Heilman; Elders, F. Bonnet, Eli Sell.

Publication. Revs. C. U. Heilman, F. Pilgram, J. W. Alspach; Elders, L. P. Naly, Samuel Flaugh.

Finance. Revs. J. W. Pontious, J. W. Love, F. A. Edmonds; Elders, John Thompson, C. M. Bousch.

Nominations. Revs. J. H. Apple, W. H. Bates, T. J. Barkley; Elders, Wm. Barnhart, M. Brubaker.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Several copies of the Minutes of Synod were presented by the Clerk and handed to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Records of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and

Allegheny Classes for the past Synodical year were received and handed to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

3. Reports of Boards and officers were received and handed to their proper Committees.

4. Letters from brethren, and overtures were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

5. Elder C. M. Bousch, Chairman of a committee of St. Paul Classis, presented a Memorial touching the financial affairs between the Classis and the Synod, asking exoneration from all arrearages on the ground of too heavy assessments, and also because the Classis had paid toward benevolent purposes more per member than some other Classes. This memorial was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. J. I. Swander, A. K. Kline; Elder, G. F. Ra-hauser. (See report of this Committee under Finance).

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on the subject reported the following, which was adopted :

The Committee on Divine Services offer the following report :

Thursday Evening,—Discussion of Sunday-school topics.

Altar Services—Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh.

Friday Evening,—Discussion of Sunday-school topics.

Altar Services, Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Saturday at 3, P. M., Preparatory Services—Sermon by Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D.

Altar Services, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh and Rev. G. D. Gurley.

Sunday, 9½ A.M.—S. S. Services. Addresses by Rev. H. F. Keener and Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Sunday at 10½ A.M., Communion Services. Sermon by Rev. Jos. H. Apple. Altar Services by Revs. A. E. Truxal and F. Pilgram.

Sunday Evening.—Missionary Meeting. Address by Dr. T. Appel and others.

Trinity Church, Wilkinsburg.—Sunday, 3 P. M. Rev. S. Z. Beam.

St. Paul Reformed Church, 44th St.—Sunday, 10½ A.M. Rev. F. P. Hartmetz.

Brush Creek Reformed Church.—Sunday, 10 A.M. Rev. F. B. Hahn.

Emsworth Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 10½ A.M. Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher. 7½ P.M., Licentiate R. S. Bowling.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Stockton avenue, Allegheny.—Sunday morning, Rev. B. B. Ferer. Sunday evening, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, East End.—Sunday evening, Rev. J. M. Titzel.

U. P. Church, Wylie avenue.—Sunday morning, Rev. G. D. Gurley. Sunday evening, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
F. A. EDMONDS,
T. J. CRAIG,
GEO. F. RAHAUSER.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would report the following items as claiming attention :

Item 1, p. 7, refers to the election of Representatives on the Peace Commission.

Item 2, p. 7, relates to the basis of representation on the Peace Commission.

Item 3, p. 8, refers to the necessity of prayer for the success of the Peace Commission during its sessions.

Item 4, p. 22, refers to the organization of the Board of Missions in this Synod.

Item 5, p. 22, is an instruction to the Treasurer of Synod in regard to the prompt payment of the missionaries.

Item 6, p. 27, refers to the support of Greenburg Female Seminary.

Item 7, p. 28, refers to the support of St. Paul Orphan Home.

Item 8, p. 29, refers to the circulation and support of the Orphan Messenger.

Item 9, p. 29, refers to the Sunday-school work within our bounds.

Item 10, p. 30, refers to the discussion of Sunday-school subjects by Synod.

Item 11, p. 34, refers to the circulation of the *Messenger*.

Item 12, p. 34, refers to the publishing of the Synodical Minutes.

Item 13, p. 40, refers to the vacancies in Boards :

a) Trustees of Synod.—H. L. Baer's term expires.

b) Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home.—Revs. T. J. Barkley,

J. W. Alspach, J. Hannaberry, and Elder Eli George's term expires.

c) Trustees of Literary Institution.—The terms of Rev. J. W. Love and Elders H. L. Baer and W. R. Barnhart expire.

d) Board of Ben. Education.—The term of Elder Jacob Hershey expires.

e) Board of Missions.—Term of Rev. F. Pilgram expires.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,
J. I. SWANDER,
F. B. HAHN,
BENJAMIN HEIL,
ELI SELL.

This report was considered by items with the following results: Items 1, 2 and 3 were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. M. Titzel, L. D. Steckel, J. H. Apple and Elders Henry Hugus and Philip Hay. Item 5 of the report of the Committee on Overtures was also referred to this committee. The report of this committee was made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock, A.M., at which time the committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE COMMISSION.

The committee to whom the items of the Report on Synodical Minutes relating to the Peace Commission, and the overture of the Eastern Synod regarding the same subject, were referred, beg leave to report the following for the adoption of this Synod:

1. As regards the items of the Report on Synodical Minutes, referred:

(a) *Resolved*, That, according to the action of General Synod, this Synod is entitled to a delegation of two ministers and of two elders in the Peace Commission.

(b) *Resolved*, That a committee of five, one from each classis, be appointed to nominate for election four ministers and four elders, to represent this Synod in said commission, and that the two ministers and the two elders who receive the highest number of votes be the delegates of this Synod, and the two remaining ministers and the two remaining elders be their alternates.

(c) *Resolved*, That the election for delegates to the Peace Commission be made the order of the day for Monday next at 11 A.M., and that the half hour immediately preceding be spent in devotional services.

(d) *Resolved*, That the different churches of this Synod be requested to pray for God's blessing on the Peace Commission, in the regular Lord's day services, and also in the week-day services, held immediately preceding the convening of the commission, and during its sessions.

2. As regards the overture of the Eastern Synod :

(a) *Resolved*, That this Synod does not deem it necessary to give an expression of opinion as to the manner in which the different tendencies in the Church should be represented in the Peace Commission.

(b) *Resolved*, That we concur in the opinion of the Eastern Synod, "that, in order to carry out the spirit of the General Synod, it is necessary, that the conclusions reached by the Peace Commission should be unanimous."

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TITZEL,
L. D. STECKEL,
J. H. APPLE,
HENRY HUGUS,
PHILIP HAY.

The report was considered by items, and each item adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The committee called for in this report consisted of Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Jos. H. Apple, D. B. Lady, and Elders T. J. Craig and Samuel Musser. For report of the committee see *Election of Boards, &c.*

Item 4. Attended to at an expense of \$6.28. The Treasurer was ordered to pay these expenses.

Item 5. Tabled until the Treasurer report, when it was found attended to.

Item 6, attended to. *Items 8, 9, 10* adopted. *Item 11* adopted, and instructions renewed.

Item 12. Under this item the clerk reported that he had carried out Synod's order, and had 2,000 copies printed at a cost of \$125. Mailed 715 copies to the ministers, postage \$7.15. Total cost, \$132.15. The remaining copies were distributed among the Classes according to the number of congregations in each. Adopted.

Item 13. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Classical Minutes offer the following report :

Requests.

Item 1. Allegheny Classis reiterates its request to Synod to reconsider its action touching Dr. Russell's claim, and by resolution

at its last annual meeting respectfully declines to apportion the amount apportioned on Classis by Synod for the payment of the Russell claim.

Item 2. Somerset Classis refers the Cumberland Mission to Pittsburgh Synod for answer to the question: "Who has to pay the note of \$1,000 given by Rev. G. H. Johnston and Rev. Jno. Ruhl, committee in the name of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 3. Allegheny Classis requests credit for the sum of \$265, on account of arrears to Synod of \$280, leaving a balance due Synod of \$15.

Subjects.

Item 4. Classes adopted all the Synodical recommendations referred to them by Synod, with the exception of the Russell Claim by Allegheny Classis.

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 5. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. G. D. Gurley from East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Jno. Dotterer from West Susquehanna Classis, and Licentiate B. B. Ferer from East Pennsylvania Classis, Synod of the United States, and ordained the latter to the gospel ministry, examined and licensed theological students R. C. Bowling and Christian Gumbert; dismissed Rev. J. W. Knappenberger and Licentiate C. Gumbert to Allegheny Classis, Rev. H. Bair to St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 6. Clarion Classis received Licentiate J. M. Evans from West Susquehanna Classis, Synod of the United States, and Licentiate Geo. A. Whitmore from Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained them to the gospel ministry.

Item 7. Allegheny Classis received Rev. J. W. Knappenberger and Licentiate C. Gumbert from Westmoreland Classis, and ordained the latter to the gospel ministry, and dismissed Rev. Casper Scheel to the German Classis of West Pa., Eastern German Synod.

Time and Place of Meeting.

Item 8. Westmoreland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Friday before Trinity Sunday, 1880, at 7½ P.M.

REV. S. Z. BEAM, *Pres.*

REV. J. F. SNYDER, *S. C.*

Item 9. Clarion Classis will meet in Trinity Church, Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa., first Thursday in June, 1880, at 7½ P.M.

REV. A. K. KLINE, *Pres.*

REV. D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *S. C.*

Item 10. St. Paul Classis will meet in Zion's Church, Dutch Hill, Crawford Co., Pa., May 20th, 1880, at 2 P.M.

REV. J. W. PONTIOUS, *Pres.*

REV. D. D. LEBERMAN, *S. C.*

Item 11. Somerset Classis will meet in Beam Reformed Church, Somerset Co., Pa., on the third Wednesday after Whitsuntide at 7½ P.M.

REV. S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Pres.*

REV. H. F. KEENER, *S. C.*

Item 12. Allegheny Classis will meet in St. Paul Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., on Wednesday, May 19th, 1880, at 7½ P.M.

REV. J. W. ALSPACH, *Pres.*

REV. W. F. LICHLITER, *S. C.*

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. STAUFFER,

J. F. SNYDER,

J. S. WAGNER,

SAMUEL BARNDT,

SAMUEL FLAUGH.

This report was considered by items with the following results. Items 1 and 4 were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. F. Snyder, and Elder Jos. Cort. This committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Special Committee on Russell Claim.

The special committee to which was referred the item in the report on Classical Minutes regarding the action of Allegheny Classis touching the Dr. Russell claim, and also the letter of Dr. Russell in regard to the payment of the pledge made to him by the Synod, would respectfully offer the following:

1st. In regard to the action of the Allegheny Classis, touching the Dr. Russell claim, respectfully declining to apportion the amount assessed upon it by Synod for the payment of the same, we suggest the following action, viz.:

Inasmuch as all the classes were represented on the floor of Synod when the action was taken with reference to the claim of Dr. Russell, therefore each Classis is *morally* bound to pay the amount assessed upon it for the purpose, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform Dr. Russell that Synod has apportioned his claim upon the Classes, but thus far the matter has not been fully attended to.

2d. Having examined the letter of Dr. Russell, containing language disrespectful to the Synod, whether so intended or not, we do not believe that either Synod or its officers, as insinuated in the letter, have wilfully violated the terms of agreement made with Dr. Russell at the Synod of Irwin, Pa.

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,

J. F. SNYDER,

JOSEPH CORT.

Item 2 was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev.

Jno. M. Titzel, S. R. Bridenbaugh and Elder C. M. Bousch. This committee reported as follows, which was adopted :

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter touching the mission church at Cumberland, Md., beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, Synod should make provision for the payment of the note in question.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TITZEL,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH.
C. M. BOUSCH.

It was afterwards determined that the \$1,000 be apportioned upon the Classes in two years, \$500 this year, and \$500 next, in designated sums, and that voluntary pledges be taken from the members of Synod for their charges, on payment of which they shall receive credit on their classical apportionments.

Pledges were then taken as follows : Elder W. R. Barnhart, for 2d Greensburg charge, \$20; L. P. Naly, Brush Creek, \$20; Wm. Barnhart, Mt. Pleasant, \$20; Michael Bortz, 1st Greensburg, \$20; Rev. John Dotterer, Pine Run, \$5.00; Rev. H. Hoffman, Beaver, \$5.00; David Knoble, Kittanning, \$20; Rev. A. K. Kline, South Bend, \$10; Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Plumb Creek, \$8; Rev. J. B. Thompson, Red Bank, \$8; Elder Samuel Flaugh, Seagertown, \$20; C. M. Bousch, Meadville, \$20; Rev. F. Pilgram, Shenango, \$20; Rev. F. B. Hahn, Greenville, \$20; Philip Hay, Zion Charge, \$20; Rev. Josiah May, Mercer, \$10; Rev. A. E. Truxal, Somerset, \$20; Rev. L. D. Steckel, Meyersdale, \$10; Rev. C. U. Heilman, \$20; Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Berlin, \$20; Michael Brubaker, Stoyestown, \$15; Rev. F. A. Edmonds, Harmony, \$15; Rev. C. Gumbert, Sugar Creek, \$10; Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Wilkinsburg and East Liberty Mission, \$5. Total \$361.

Item 3. The Classis was referred to the action of Synod last year.

Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Overtures offers the following report :

Item 1. A communication from Rev. F. R. Schwedes, of Cumberland, Maryland, requesting Synod to excuse him for non-attendance.

Item 2. A similar request from Rev. D. D. Leberman of Meadville, Pa.

Item 3. A similar request from Rev. H. W. Hoffmeyer of Woodstock, Va.

Item 4. A Communication from the Synod of the United States, requesting this Synod to appoint one member of a committee of three to select a series of Sunday-school Scripture Lessons, and to prepare comments on the same for the coming year; and further propose that the three Synods hereafter annually unite in the appointment of a committee for said purpose.

Item 5. A communication from the Synod of the United States, expressing the sense of said Synod on certain points in reference to the appointment of the Peace Commission and the action of said commission.

Item 6. A request from the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., with reference to his claim against this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. WOLBACH,
ALPHA K. KLINE,
JAMES GRANT,
MICHAEL BORTZ.
WM. ALLSHOUSE.

The report was considered by items with the following results:

Item 1. Rev. F. R. Schwedes was excused for non-attendance.

Item 2. Rev. D. D. Leberman was excused for non-attendance, and Synod gave expression to her deep sympathy with this suffering brother.

Item 3. Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier was excused for non-attendance during the last three years.

Item 4. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 5. Tabled until the Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, when this item was referred to the Special Committee on items 1, 2 and 3 of that report.

Item 6. Tabled until the Treasurer reported, after which it was referred to the Special Committee on items 1 and 4 of the report of Committee on Minutes of Classes. (See report of said committee, on page 11.)

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report that no applications were made.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
M. H. DIEFENDERFER,
W. B. SANDOE,
JOS. CORT,
C. M. BOUSCH.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Report of the State of Religion in Pittsburgh Synod.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—The Classical Reports referred to the Committee on the State of Religion, show that we, as a Synod, have abundant cause of gratitude and thankfulness to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, on account of His goodness and mercy to us during the past Synodical year. Truly may we say, that the Lord has been gracious unto us and has blessed us.

Since we last met in annual session, none of our ministerial brethren have been called away by death. On the contrary, nearly all have enjoyed good health, and have been able, without any serious interruptions of any kind, to attend to the duties of their high and holy calling. A few of our elders, and the usual number of our members, have fallen asleep in Jesus, but the great body of our membership has been rather more than ordinarily favored both in temporal and spiritual things.

In all our charges the Word of God, so far as we can learn, has been faithfully preached, the sacraments have been regularly administered, the young have been catechized, the erring have been admonished and warned, and the sick and afflicted have been visited and offered the consolations of the Gospel. In the charges generally, the chief festivals of the Church were also properly observed, and the prominent facts and truths of our holy religion thus especially emphasized. The attendance on these various means of grace is reported to have been reasonably good.

Throughout the Synod, we are pleased to note, Sunday-school Conventions were held. These Conventions were all well attended, and awakened increased interest in the instruction of the young. There is also reason to believe that they have been the means of doing something in the way of improving our Sunday-school instruction, and of making it more what it should be in order that those who attend the Sunday-school may be truly brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

That the various labors performed by our ministers, and the privileges enjoyed by our people, were not performed or engaged in in vain, is evident from the fact that the Statistical Report shows, that the membership of the Synod has been considerably increased, and from the additional fact, that the Classical Reports mostly make mention of an improvement in the morals of the people, among whom our ministers are laboring. Much, however, they also indicate, remains to be done in the way of winning souls to Christ, and to purity and holiness of life. Sin and iniquity of all kinds, it is

scarcely necessary to say, continue to abound everywhere. Even among the members of the Church, we regret to say, there are, alas, many still to be found who have a name to live but are dead, and who by their indifference and worldly-mindedness do much to bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. Nevertheless, it is encouraging, in view of the fierce opposition waged by the great enemy of souls, to know, that progress in the right direction is being made, and that the truth that Christ has built His Church on a rock and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her, is being more and more demonstrated.

In the way of supporting the missionary and other benevolent operations of the Church, considerable has been done during the past year. Still, the contributions for these purposes are not equal in amount to those of last year, and are far from being as large as they should be. That there should be a falling off in the sum contributed, instead of an increase is greatly to be regretted. In part, no doubt, it has been due to the monetary stringency of the last few years, but still more, we fear, to the sad truth, that many of our people have as yet failed to learn that, "It is better to give than to receive," and that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." It is to be hoped, therefore, that there may be a revival in this respect during the coming year, and that next year's report will, accordingly, give evidence of greater liberality on the part of our people, in the good work of promoting missions and of supplying the wants of the poor and fatherless.

One of the Classical reports states, that family worship is not observed within its bounds as it should be. This, there is reason to believe, is the case throughout the Church, and is a condition of things greatly to be lamented, inasmuch as usually those who do not pray with their family, if they have one, seldom pray at all, and consequently have little or no spiritual life in them. For it has been well said,

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters heaven with prayer."

Accordingly it is hardly to be expected, that those who have no family altar, will be able successfully to bring up their children in the way in which they should go, or that they themselves will be victorious in their warfare against evil. On the contrary, to the absence of such altar is to be attributed, no doubt, much of the spiritual coldness and deadness, which characterize too many of the members of our different churches. Strong efforts should, therefore, be made by all our pastors to have family worship properly

conducted in all the families belonging to their respective pastoral charges.

Another evil mentioned in the Classical reports, is the inadequate support given in many cases to the minister, and the frequent neglect to pay promptly the little that has been promised in the call. This too is a matter which should claim the serious attention of the Church, and in regard to which there should be great improvements. The existence of this evil to so great an extent among us, unquestionably, interferes considerably with our prosperity and success as a Church. A half paid ministry is seldom a very efficient one. The pastor who requires all he receives in the way of salary simply to clothe, and to supply with necessary food himself and family, can never prepare himself as he ought, to discharge properly his ministerial duties. Such pecuniary support will not enable him to be free in great measure, as he should be, from worldly cares, or to purchase needed books, or to set a proper example to his people in the way of relieving the wants of the poor and needy, nor yet will it enable him to be a power for good spiritually, to these latter as he often might be, if he could come to their temporal as well as spiritual help. Hence insufficient salaries do as much harm usually to the Church as to the ministers. Ministers and people, indeed, constitute but one body, and therefore when one suffers, the other must necessarily suffer also.

The facts now presented embrace the substance of what is contained in the Classical reports, from which they have been gathered, and clearly prove two things as regards the State of the Church. In the first place, they prove, that progress has been made in the upbuilding of the temple of the Lord since we last met in annual session, and in the second place, that there is much yet to be done before our work is fully completed. Thanks be to God for what has been accomplished, and may He help us to perfect what still remains incomplete, so that we may not labor in vain.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

*Fathers and Brethren :—*We herewith transmit to you the official annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Trisynodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United

States. They contain all the facts which we deem it necessary to communicate to your Reverend body.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
Secretary.

J. O. MILLER,
President.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to the Synod of Pittsburgh, and to the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—By the merciful providence of God, the Superintendent of Missions was raised up from the attack of sickness, from which he suffered a year ago, and permitted, with returning strength, to discharge the responsible duties of his office during the course of the year. It is with gratitude to God, the author of all good gifts, that he now presents this, his second annual report of the condition of the missions under the care of the Board in the different States of the Union, embracing the territory more particularly under the supervision of the Synods herein addressed. The work committed to our hands as a Church has not been without manifest signs of the divine favor. As far as it has been prospered, we ascribe all honor to the one Great Shepherd of the flock, in whose service we have been called as fellow-laborers.

Pennsylvania.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 75; Baptisms, 13; Confirmations, 4; Sunday-school Scholars, 100. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition. Amount contributed to benevolent purposes, \$12; for local objects, \$450. Church property valued at \$3000, with a small debt, which will no doubt be removed at no distant day. The congregation is making a gradual progress, with no immediate prospects of becoming self-supporting. It is, however, doing a useful and necessary work, and deserves the assistance which it has been thus far receiving. Appropriation last year, \$200, with some additional assistance from Classis; new appropriation, \$150. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Christ's Mission, Allentown.—This mission purchased a church building during the past year for \$1500, upon which \$300 has been paid. The balance is to be paid in annual instalments of \$200 each, which, it is believed, will not be too much for the congregation, the pastor not receiving any salary from his people. This step, a wise and judicious one, has had a salutary effect upon the members, whilst it has made a favorable impression on the community, who now regard this enterprise as giving promise of permanence. Business in the neighborhood of East Allentown is reviving, and the prospects of the mission are regarded as more encouraging than for a number of years past. Members, 90; Baptisms,

13; Confirmations, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 157; Benevolence, \$15.13; Local objects, \$350; Appropriation hitherto, \$300; Appropriation for the coming year the same, to which the Classis proposes to add a small amount. Pastor, J. Fritzinger.

Catawauqua.—This mission has been suffering from a burden of heavy debt for a good while. During the past year this difficulty culminated in the sale of the church building, which is now held by one of the original creditors, without, however, interfering with its use by the congregation. In these trying circumstances, the members have remained faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the spiritual interests of the congregation have not suffered. It is earnestly hoped, that, in the course of the year, they may again be able to secure possession of their own house of worship. It is believed the severe trials of the congregation will be overruled for good. Members, 90; Baptisms, 18; Sunday school Scholars, 170; Benevolence, \$34; Local objects, \$190; Appropriation last year, with help from Classis, \$300; Present year, \$300. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 305; Baptisms, 40; Additions, 29; Sunday-school Scholars, 325; Attendance at church, good; Benevolence, \$30; for local objects, \$1,300. This congregation has continued in its prosperous course, and its prospects now are better than they were one year ago. It has a valuable church property worth over \$20 000, on which, however, a heavy debt is still resting, which occasions both pastor and people much anxiety. Thus far it has not proved a burden too heavy to be borne. It has been managed with much prudence. The amount redeemed during the year was \$300. With the return of prosperity in business and work for the members of the church, most of whom are poor in this world's goods, the congregation will make greater strides in prosperity, and gradually become self-supporting. The pastor, J. W. Steinmetz, has much hard work to perform, in which he is sustained by warm hearts among his own people, and in the sister churches of the city. Appropriation last year, \$300; This year, \$250.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—The health of the pastor of this church, which was seriously threatened one year ago, was providentially restored, and, at the earnest request of the people, he was prevailed on to remain and continue his labors among them. This had a happy effect on the congregation, and seemed to give it a new impulse to strengthen the things that remained. From observations made on the ground, the Superintendent felt justified in regarding this as one of our most hopeful missions. The church property is valued at \$10,000, upon which there is some debt, the interest on which, together with the current expenses and various projected improvements about the church, is taxing somewhat heavily the strength of the congregation, and calling forth its liberality. Its prospects of becoming self-supporting at no distant day are good.

Members, 80; Additions since last October, 19; Baptisms, 6; Sunday-school Scholars, 70; Attendance on the services of the sanctuary, good; Appropriation last year, \$300; This year, \$300. Pastor, J. Samuel Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—This mission has a good house of worship worth \$7,000, with a convenient lecture-room attached to it, the debt on which is now nearly liquidated, \$80 having been paid on it during the past year. The Sunday-school is large and flourishing, with 220 scholars. It has a missionary society on the apostolic plan, in which the old and young take a deep interest. It was one of the first formed under the recommendation of the Board. Members, 104; Baptisms, 7; Benevolence, \$60; Local objects \$500; Appropriation last year, \$250; This year, \$250. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This is an exclusively German mission. During part of the past year it was served by Rev. Frederick Fox, after his return from San Francisco. Owing to the gloomy condition of the congregation in view of its indebtedness, and for other reasons, he has recently withdrawn from the field, and it is at present vacant. The property is worth at least \$5,000, on which there is an indebtedness of \$2,000, which, as it seems, has been found difficult to manage. Members, 50; Baptisms, 4; Additions, 2; Sunday-school disbanded; Benevolence, \$4; Local objects, \$250; Appropriation last year, \$300. Vacant.

Columbia.—This congregation has been pursuing a prosperous course for a number of years past. During last winter, the pastor, Rev. C. Clever, was called to another field of usefulness. His resignation was followed by serious difficulties, which threatened at one time to undo the labor of years. Fortunately the storm passed away, and the trouble, which threatened to distract the congregation for years to come, was adjusted in a truly Christian manner. Its prospects are encouraging, as in years gone by. It is believed that this affliction, which was for a season, will be overruled for good, and help to consolidate the congregation better than it was before. Peace and harmony prevail, and a general desire exists to build up on the true foundation, which is Jesus Christ. Members, 157; Baptisms, 21; Additions, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 170; Benevolence, \$45.73; Local objects, \$931; Appropriation last year, \$50; This year, \$150. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkesbarre.—Communicants, 275. Additions since October last by baptism, 38, by confirmation, 27, and by certificate, 25. Sunday-school Scholars, 160, a gain of 35. Collected for benevolent purposes, \$25, for local purposes, \$550. The original cost of the church was \$13,000. The debt is \$6,000, of which \$3,000 will be cancelled during the coming year, a part having been thus cancelled already. The mission is making progress, and is gaining the confidence of the community. It is German and English uni-

ted. The question of language has thus far created no difficulty. Both classes of people worship in the same church in harmony and peace. The missionary extends his labors in the Wyoming Valley, and preaches at points where congregations may be organized at some future time. There is room for extending the Church further in this part of the State. Appropriation last year, \$400; This year the same. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—This mission has made substantial progress during the past year, which is so much the more encouraging, in view of the deplorable condition in which it had come to be involved a few years ago, when the present pastor took charge of it. With the help of Classis, it has secured for itself a house of worship of its own, upon which a debt is still resting, which, however, is not oppressive to the congregation. The building cost only \$2,200. In a few years, after some repairs are made to it, it will be worth much more. The pastor and people are willing to trust in the Lord for the future, as with His blessing many difficulties, which seemed insurmountable, have vanished in the past. Members, 57; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 80; Benevolence, \$6; Local purposes, \$264.61; Indebtedness liquidated since October last, \$206; Appropriation last year \$300; This year, \$300. Pastor, Isaac S. Stahr.

Wilkinsburg and East Liberty.—Both of these missions suffered severely from the depression of the times, and found it difficult to meet current expenses and interest on heavy church debts. There was, as a consequence, a feeling of discouragement among the members, which was adverse to the growth of the congregations. Under these circumstances, it was thought best to unite the two missions, as they are not far apart, and allow them to be served by one pastor. They cordially united upon the Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, after the two former pastors had resigned. This arrangement has proved satisfactory. It has relieved them of a part of their financial burden. They are better able now to meet their pecuniary obligations, and a general feeling of encouragement and hope has sprung up, which augurs well for the future. Mr. Knappenberger entered upon his duties in January last, and receives an appropriation of \$550, the amount given to the two former pastors. Members, 90; Sunday-school Scholars, 120. There is an indebtedness upon both of the churches. The indebtedness on the church at Wilkinsburg was reduced during the past year.

Orbisonia.—This mission has been growing and doing well during the year. Many of the people are poor, but they are faithful to Christ and His Church, showing that they appreciate the kindness of the Church in extending help to them, by the interest they take in their congregations. During the past year, a new church costing \$800, was erected and paid for. Congregations, 3; Members, 106; Baptisms, 14; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 85;

Benevolence, \$47; Local objects, \$307. A debt of \$350 resting on one of the churches has been nearly provided for. Appropriation last year, \$150; This year the same. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford County.—Congregations, 3; Members, 132; Baptisms, 11; Additions, 5. The church and parsonage at Mann's Choice is worth \$2,700. The debt is small. Benevolence, \$33; Local objects, \$357. The pastor reports, that he is at present engaged in establishing missionary societies, for which the people seem to have been prepared. The mission is making a gradual progress, and gaining the confidence and respect of the community. Appropriation last year, \$200; This year, 200. Pastor, William A. Gring.

Chambersburg.—Since the missionary left this congregation more than a year ago, it has been served by the pastor at Chambersburg, Rev. W. C. Cremer, by appointment of Classis. In this way the spiritual interests of a small body of Germans have been provided for. This arrangement is probably the best that could be made for them. There are no indications that it will grow in numerical strength in the immediate future as a German church.

Duncannon.—Members, 125; Baptisms, 7; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 150; Benevolence, \$50; Local objects, \$200; Value of church property, \$2,300. The Classis of Zion paid \$1 100 and the congregation \$200 for the removal of the remaining debt on the church. Attendance good, and the congregation encouraged in their work. Prospects of becoming self-supporting, good. Appropriation last year, \$300; This year, 250. Pastor, U. Henry Heilman.

First Church, Allegheny City.—This mission had been without a pastor and without preaching for more than a year. At the meeting of the Allegheny Classis at Pittsburgh last spring, after a careful examination into its affairs, it was found to be in a truly deplorable condition. Still, it was not considered to be without hope, and the Classis authorized the Superintendent to supply it temporarily with the services of a missionary with the view of ascertaining whether anything could be done to resuscitate it and place it on a better foundation. The licentiate, Rev. Robert C. Bowling, was selected for this purpose, and he took charge of the mission for a period of two months. His labors have been satisfactory, and the prospects now are that the congregation will recover itself, and that, if assistance can be extended to it for a while, it may yet be raised above impending difficulties, and be made a prosperous congregation. In view of these facts, the Board, at its recent meeting, commissioned Mr. Bowling as missionary at Allegheny city, with the former appropriation of \$400.

Shenandoah.—Members, 200; Baptisms, 25; Additions, 35; Sunday-school Scholars, 220; attendance good. Value of church property, \$3,000. The debt, which has been considerably reduced

during the present pastorate, is at present about \$2,000. Amount paid for local purposes, including pastor's salary, \$500. The prospects of becoming self-supporting are encouraging. The principal difficulty in the way seems to be the large amount of indebtedness. The appropriation last year was \$300, which has been made up by one or two congregations, an example much to be commended; Appropriation this year, \$300. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Johnstown.—There was a Reformed congregation at this place several years ago, but the church was sold and the congregation was disbanded. Very few of the members, however, surrendered their church connections. Their number, in fact, was increased by additions from other churches in the surrounding country. Upwards of forty members of our Church were found in the town, who desired the services of a minister of their own faith. The Rev. William H. Bates, whose charge is contiguous, was requested to take charge of this interest and serve it as missionary for the present. The prospects of this new mission are good. It may perhaps need some aid in the future. It is promising. Mr. Bates does not receive any appropriation.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—This congregation was organized in January last, with nine members. Its present number is 22, thirteen having been confirmed at Whitsuntide. The Sunday-school, made up principally of the children of the poor, is prosperous and doing a good work. It numbers 125 scholars. Thus far this mission has been worshipping either in an engine house or a school-house, neither of which was a suitable place for worship. This difficulty, it is expected, will be removed before long. An effort is at present in progress to erect a chapel yet this fall, subscriptions for which have been received, amounting to something over \$1,200. The mission was taken under the care of the Board in December last, but the pastor had taken charge of it in April, a year ago, without any visible means of support, except in his own resources, sustained by faith in God. He receives an appropriation from the Board of \$300, and such other aid from his congregation and the other churches in the city, as is needed for his temporal support. Pastor, Jacob F. Wiant.

Overton, Bradford County.—This charge was formerly under the care of the Board, but had been vacant for a number of years past. The members hungering for the bread of life have been exerting themselves to secure a pastor, in which the Superintendent has assisted them. They have united on the licentiate, Phaon S. Kohler, who is now laboring among them with acceptance, and with good prospects of success. He has just formed a large class of catechumens. The services on Sunday are encouraging. Thus far he serves only two congregations, and a preaching point at Dushore. There are two other small congregations in the neighborhood of Dushore, which have not as yet entered into the arrange-

ment with the other two, but may still do so. Members thus far reported, 105; Sunday-school Scholars at Overton, 80. Appropriation not yet determined. Church property worth about \$900.

Latrobe.—The congregation at Latrobe during the year was detached from several country congregations, and placed under the care of the Board as a mission, by the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Pittsburgh. It was believed that it needed more pastoral labor, and that, under this new arrangement, it would grow more rapidly, and in a few years become self-supporting. The pastor reports that facts thus far do not encourage that view of the case, although the charge has been making encouraging progress during the present pastorate. Members, 80; Baptisms, 9; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 55; Church Property, \$4,000; Debt, \$1,800; Benevolence, \$50; Amount paid for local purposes, \$350; Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, G. D. Gurley.

Mansfield.—An independent German congregation at this place applied to the Classis of Allegheny last spring to be received into the Reformed Church, and requested the services of the Rev. Charles Knepper as their pastor. The request was granted, provided certain conditions were first complied with, and in that event the Executive Council voted an appropriation of \$50.

Trinity Mission, York County.—About ten months ago the Rev. W. H. Xandera was appointed by the Council to labor as missionary in the town of York, and at other places in the neighborhood without an appropriation. He has organized a new congregation at Glenrock, served an organized congregation at New Freedom, and has several preaching places, one of which is Trinity chapel in York, where congregations may be organized in the course of time. The prospects of the mission are represented as encouraging. Members, 50; Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 250; Church property worth about \$700; Amount collected for local purposes, \$275.

Sharon.—The Sharon charge in Mercer county was taken under the care of the Board as a mission, in accordance with the request of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod. Its pastor had the charge of it for a number of years without the necessary support. He had to depend on the help of his friends to keep his family. The congregation was also involved in financial difficulties, which interfered with its prosperity. Accordingly, help was extended to it to the amount of \$100, which was thankfully received, and proved to be of material account in encouraging pastor and people. Since the congregation came under the care of the Board, it has been doing well. Members, 135; Additions, 22; Value of church property, \$4,000; Appropriation for coming year, \$100. Pastor, F. P. Hartmetz.

Virginia.

Winchester.—The statistics of this mission, as compared with those of previous years, show an encouraging degree of progress. Congregations, 2; Outposts, 2; Members, 129; Baptisms, 3; Additions, 17; Sunday-school Scholars, 85; Value of church property, \$7,700; Debt on parsonage, \$675, was reduced \$225, during the year; Benevolence, \$33; Local objects, \$567. The affairs of this congregation are conducted with a commendable degree of system and economy. It is being gradually strengthened by emigration from the North, and is doing a useful work in the Valley of Virginia. It will need help from the Church a few years longer. Appropriation last year, \$300; This year, \$250. Pastor, Charles G. Fisher.

Middlebrook.—The two congregations constituting this mission, under the Rev. A. J. Whitmore, became self-sustaining during the year. The pastor, believing that he could strengthen and still further consolidate his charge, as well as occupy several important missionary points in the vicinity, resigned, and a call was extended to his brother, Rev. S. L. Whitmore, who became the pastor in June last, and has encouraging prospects of usefulness before him. Additions during the year, 17; Baptisms, 11; Sunday-school Scholars, 117. Mr. Whitmore has entered upon his new field of labor with true missionary zeal. He preaches at three points, at one of which a new congregation is to be organized, and a new church erected before long. Appropriation for the new mission, \$150.

Delaware.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.—Members, 85; Baptisms, 4; Additions, 15; Sunday-school Scholars, 100; Value of church property, \$2,000; Debt, \$250; Benevolence, \$24.65; Local objects, \$375.17. The missionary reports that services were held during the season of Lent, and every evening during holy week. The Easter communion was the largest ever held in the history of the congregation. The interest in these services drew many nearer to God. In July last, the congregation celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization. The services are represented as being of an interesting and profitable kind. An effort is in progress to liquidate the remaining debt on the church. Appropriation last year, \$300; This year, \$275. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Maryland.

Cumberland.—Members, 150; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 6; Sunday-school Scholars, 150; Benevolence, \$30; Local objects, \$800. The church property is worth from \$7,000 to \$8,000, with a debt of \$500. No reduction of the debt during the year. The mission is making slow but steady progress. The Sunday-school is in a prog-

perous condition, and promises well for the future. The holy days were observed with much interest and profit to the people, and the number of communicants exceeded those of previous years. The missionary has established a small mission at Keyser, in West Virginia, which he visits from time to time. Appropriation last year, \$250; This year the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Frostburg.—A few years ago this congregation supported its own pastor, but it fell upon evil times, and it was no longer able to maintain itself. Its members, being mostly miners, could do nothing for the church. Its pastor made many sacrifices to keep his flock together. In order to prevent the dispersion of its members, the Classis of Somerset declared it a mission, and placed it as such under the care of the Board. It agreed to pay through the Board for its support for one year, \$600. This accomplished the desired result, and saved the church from great distress, if not from entire disintegration. It is understood it will now need no further appropriation. It is German and English, and a well-ordered congregation, with a membership of over 200 members, and a large Sunday-school. Its members are liberal when they have work. Pastor, John Ruhl.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—Organized over a year ago by Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, and served by him until recently. Rev. H. King was authorized to visit and explore this field last spring, with the view to a permanent settlement, if he desired it. He served the charge two months and then withdrew, believing he could be more useful in some other part of the Church. The Rev. Joseph Hannabery was commissioned to take his place. He has entered upon his work in faith and hope. At present he serves only one organized congregation, the one in Ridgely, but he expects to spend much of his time in preaching at other points in the peninsula with the view of organizing other churches in the future. It is believed that missionary efforts in this section of country will be attended with encouraging results in the course of a few years. The congregation has not yet commenced to build the house of worship which it has in contemplation. Members, 48; Baptisms, 4; Additions, 10; Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, Joseph Hannabery.

District of Columbia.

Washington.—Members, 35; Baptisms, 2; Additions, 15; Sunday-school scholars, 40; most of whom are from families not belonging to the Church; Amount collected for local purposes, \$200. The congregation still worships in a rented hall, which is a serious difficulty in the way of its progress. It needs very much a house of its own. Until this is secured, it is not likely that some families will be willing to connect themselves with the mission. They prefer waiting until they have more tangible evidence that the enterprise is to be permanently established. Thus far some few

gifts have been forwarded to the treasurer for the erection of a chapel, but not in such amounts as to justify a forward movement in purchasing or building. The pledges made for this purpose by the Synods and the Classis of Maryland, should be promptly met and paid. The mission is an expensive one, and true economy dictates, that it should be placed in a position to become self-supporting at as early a day as possible. When, however, it has once reached that point, it will be a monument to the honor of the Reformed Church, in which her children from different parts of the country will find a spiritual home in years to come. But before this is consummated, much faith, good works and alms-giving, along with hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Church, will be needed. Pastor, Dr. G. B. Russell. Appropriation last year, \$1,200 ; This year, \$600.

Kansas.

Emporia.—During the past year, the Rev. L. C. Edmunds, already residing in Kansas, was commissioned to labor as our missionary at Emporia and vicinity. He was able to devote only a part of his time to the work of preaching, and making explorations. He reports that we have many members living in the State of Kansas, and a wide field for missionary labor. He has preached at different points, and, to some extent, explored the country, but has confined his labors mostly to Emporia, where we have enough members to form a respectable congregation. They have not as yet been organized. They wish a missionary who will devote all his time to the work. The missionary labors under great disadvantage for the want of a suitable place of worship, being thus far under the necessity of holding his services in other churches at unseasonable hours. Appropriation, \$200.

California.

Salem, Napa City.—This mission has had much to encounter from the outside world, to whom the gospel is a savor of death unto death, and not of life unto life. It has, however, maintained its ground, and the members have remained faithful to the work committed to their hands. The present pastor has been for more than a year in the charge, and has not been without encouragement in his work. He instructs a class, weekly, throughout the year, which is well attended. The local expenses of the church were increased during the year by street improvements, to meet which a children's festival was held, which assisted materially in paying the necessary expenses. The Whitsuntide services were well attended, and produced a favorable impression. The congregation is small, but it has favorable prospects of an increase during the coming year. Members, 24 ; Baptisms, 10 ; Additions, 9 ; Sunday-school Scholars, 32 ; Value of church property \$2,800 ; Debt, \$750 ; Benevolence, \$6,000 ; Local objects, \$250 ; Appropriation last year, \$300 ; This year, \$200. Pastor, J. H. Krüger.

San Francisco.—In addition to the mission at Napa, we have two other churches in California, one at Stockton, and the other at San Francisco, which are self-supporting, and doing well. Their pastors have not confined themselves to their own congregations exclusively, but have sought to extend the Church in the regions beyond. The field, however, is large, and the demand for more laborers has been growing stronger, and more urgent. Under these circumstances the Council commissioned the licentiate, the Rev. F. L. Woerle, to labor at San Francisco, or neighboring places, under the direction of the Classis of San Francisco. He was ordained to this work a few months ago at York, by a committee of the Classis of Zion, and is now in the field, engaged in his new sphere of labor. He has taken charge of a mission at Alameda, in the vicinity of San Francisco, and the Board has voted him an appropriation of \$100. The demands of this part of our missionary ground will require the services of one or two other missionaries at no distant day. It is hoped that we, as a Church, will be prepared to respond to the call to supply the multitudes of foreign Germans in this far western country, with a pure gospel, many of whom are without the ordinary means of grace, and many also without God and without hope in the world.

Oregon and Washington Territory.

Members, 80; Baptisms, 25; Additions, 19; Benevolence, \$17; Local objects, \$1,050.

Portland.—This mission has been making its usual substantial progress. The services at the church festivals in the spring made a deep impression on the hearts of the people, and drew larger audiences to the church than ever before. This church established on an evangelical basis, in the midst of much opposition from without, is now a permanent fact. The property, worth \$8,000, is free of debt. Various improvements on the streets during the past year became a heavy tax on the church, for which the ladies of the congregation supplied a considerable part of the money needed to bear this additional burden of expense. The church expects to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its organization during the month of September, in connection with the first meeting of the Classis of Portland. It expects to become self-supporting at no distant day. The missionary frequently preaches in the new towns which are springing up in various directions, with the view of establishing new fields of labor for other missionaries. Openings of this kind are numerous, and it seems to be only necessary that we should send a sufficient supply of efficient laborers, in order that we may reap rich harvests in this part of the Pacific coast. The establishment of the new Classis in Oregon will, it is believed, be of much account in carrying forward this work. Statistics did not arrive in time to be inserted in this report. Appropriation last year, \$300; This year the same. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—The field occupied by the missionary at this post was divided during the year, and a portion of it, including the Meridian congregation, given to another missionary. He retained two of the congregations, the one at Salem and the other at Silverton, preaching at other points, and occasionally making excursions into more distant parts of the State. At Salem divine services have been thus far held in a hall, but recently a wealthy citizen of Salem presented the congregation with a lot of ground in an eligible part of the city, upon which it is now proposed to erect a church. Appropriation last year, \$250; This year, \$250. Pastor, J. Mühlhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas Co.—During the past year, the Rev. Julius Lange was commissioned as missionary to take charge of a portion of the field of Rev. Mühlhaupt, and of other important points. He has at present one organized church at Meridian. He fills appointments at other places, walks long distances over rough roads and through inclement weather to gather his fellow-countrymen into the Christian fold. Many of his people are Swiss emigrants, who are just clearing off the land, and are not able to do much for the support of the gospel, but are strongly devoted to the Reformed faith. Bro. Lange makes many sacrifices, labors hard as a missionary, and finds it necessary to devote part of his time to teaching in a little attic, which is his study, his bed-room and his school-house at the same time. This rigid economy is necessary in order that he may provide for his temporal support. Appropriation \$200.

Walla Walla.—During the past year the Rev. George Wechterseimer was commissioned as missionary at Walla Walla and other places. He had been a resident of that place for some time, engaged in teaching and laboring among the Germans with the view of organizing them into a congregation. He will now be able to devote more of his time to this work, and to the establishment of other new missions under the direction of Classis. Appropriation, \$100.

Summary.

Number of missionaries, ten more than last year.....	38
Members	2,910
Additions during the year.....	324
Baptisms " " "	292
Sunday school Scholars.....	2,988
Amount collected during the year for Benevolence.....	\$ 525
" " " " " Local objects....	8,238
Value of Church Property about.....	125,000
Indebtedness about.....	30,000

Financial Statement.

From the treasurer's report, it will be seen that the contributions for missions since the last report was made to the Synods amounted to \$7,326.43. This, however, does not cover the period of a full

year by more than a month. Some of the monies contributed by the churches, especially the harvest offerings, have not yet been reported. How much the whole will amount to at the end of the year cannot now be precisely stated. The probability is, that it will not be quite as much as it was during the previous year. This is most likely owing to the fact, that an appeal was made and special collections were lifted for missions in the month of January, 1878, whereas this was not done during last winter. The amount due the missionaries on the 1st of July last was \$2,643. The amount of indebtedness for monies borrowed is \$550, which is \$250 less than it was last year. The Board has \$2,500 invested, for which interest is paid. The expenditure for carrying forward the operations of the Board during the coming year will be something larger than it was during the previous year. To meet current expenses during the coming year, the Board will need \$14,000, for which we suggest that the three different Synods concerned raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$8,000
The Synod of the Potomac.....	3,500
The Synod of Pittsburgh.	2,500

We further suggest, that the different Synods request all the churches, or as far as possible, to lift one collection for the relief of our missionaries, during the Advent or Epiphany period of the coming year.

Also, that the Synods and Classes at their coming meetings give special attention to the claims of the missionary cause, urge the importance of systematic benevolence, the further increase of missionary societies in congregations and Sunday-schools, also missionary festivals and the adoption of such measures as will tend to secure more promptly the payment of the classical assessments, so that the wants of our suffering missionaries may be more promptly met, and our missionary operations be more widely extended.

Remarks.

In closing this report, we call attention to a few facts. The first is the great extent and the urgent necessities of the field, which we are called on to cultivate. We have not been altogether remiss in providing for the spiritual wants of the missionary ground covered by the three Synods. Beyond that territory, however, we have as yet done comparatively little; and yet the calls upon us from our own people, as well as from others beyond our own immediate limits, to supply them with ministers to break unto them the bread of life, are numerous and urgent. It is the call of the divine Master addressed to us to feed His sheep, to feed His lambs. Many of our people have settled in the new states and territories of the West, who are without ministers and without churches. Our brethren in the West

through their own missionary agencies are doing what they can, but their efforts should be supplemented by the greater resources of the East. There is much for us to do in Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and neighboring states, where as yet we have scarcely made a beginning. Still farther westward, in the Pacific states, we have, indeed, made a fair start, but the demand for more laborers in that field comes with impressive earnestness in almost every communication that reaches us from that distant country. There is also work for us to accomplish in the southern states, as great, perhaps, as elsewhere. It is a serious question whether the time has not come to put forth our efforts to revive and expand our Church in that part of the Union. There is no reason, in fact, why our Church should not be represented in all of the southern states, as it would most likely be to-day, if the efforts of our fathers in former years in that direction had been properly followed up. A similar remark may be made in regard to the New England states. There we have only two ministers of our own denomination, and yet there is a German population in most of the large towns and cities, in some of which there are no German ministers, and the destitute people never hear the gospel in a language which they understand. The Rev. L. B. Schwartz, pastor of a Reformed Church in Boston, has labored with apostolic zeal for his German brethren, not only in Boston, but elsewhere, for over thirty years. During this period he has preached in many parts of Massachusetts, and started some missions, which, from the want of support from our missionary boards, have fallen into the hands of other denominations that came forward and granted them the needed assistance. After much labor and extraordinary sacrifices on his part, he finds it now difficult to maintain himself at his post in Boston, on account of the financial embarrassments of his own church. The Superintendent, after a careful examination of the whole field during a visit this summer, is convinced that New England, as a missionary ground, has claims on the Reformed Church that she cannot safely overlook or ignore. As a beginning, he thinks there ought to be two missionaries located at Boston at once, one English, and the other German. This would be sufficient for the present, and might, it is believed, be accomplished without too heavy an outlay of money. In a few years other laborers might be added to their number, and new missions be established for the great spiritual destitutions in other places.

Another fact, which ought to be brought home at this particular time to the conscience of the Church, is the inadequacy of the means at the disposal of the Board to carry forward its proper work. It is with great difficulty that the missionaries under the care of the Board are sustained. As a body they are faithful, patient and self-sacrificing laborers in our waste places. But their support is meagre, and they are often distressed and harassed in

their work by care and anxiety to provide for themselves and families, the means necessary for their temporal support. What they are entitled to receive from the Church as their appropriation, is not paid them promptly, and they grow weary in waiting during long and dreary months for the long expected relief. All this should be remedied. In addition, the Church should provide the Board with the means necessary to extend its borders into new and as yet unoccupied regions. This, we believe, will be done as soon as we get our people more generally to see the great need of supplying their fellow-men with the gospel. We have the poor always with us, and they who are willing to feed the bodies of men, as our people are disposed to do, will not withhold the hand of charity from those who are perishing for lack of knowledge. As ministers and people, we all need more of the spirit of Christ and His apostles, which was the spirit of missions and self-sacrifice. In proportion as we are imbued with their spirit, in that degree will our work go forward, and prosper in our hands.

But, whilst at times we feel almost crushed in view of the comparatively meagre efforts which we are making for the building up of the Kingdom of Christ, there are many things to encourage us to engage in this blessed work with renewed courage, faith and hope. Thus far our missionary work has not been a failure. It has been more productive of results than we, perhaps, had a right to expect. With the means at our command, few other denominations have done more than we in the missionary field. The interest in the missionary work is growing in our churches, and confidence in our operations is gaining ground. More has been given for missions since the panic and during the hard times than ever before, although the value of money has increased. One of the principal causes of our failure to raise more missionary funds is the want of system and order in developing the benevolence of the Church, but this is passing away. Missionary societies on the apostolic plan, by which all alike, especially our poor people, have an opportunity to do something for the spread of the gospel, are springing up in various parts of the Church. Missionary festivals are more numerous, and doing a good work. The spirit of missions is, we believe, penetrating the life of the Church, and it is beginning to be felt more and more, that the time has arrived when the missionary cause should be regarded as among the first and most vital questions which we are called on to solve. If many things are calculated to dishearten and discourage us at present, we may be assured that if we persevere in patient effort to bring our churches up to the full measure of their responsibility, the future will be more fruitful than the present. Deeply thankful for the kind treatment which he has received wherever he has had occasion to visit the churches; glad to record the help and co-operation of ministerial brethren and others, and to testify to the arduous labors of the Executive Coun-

cil, the Superintendent respectfully presents to the Synods this imperfect sketch of the missionary work during the last eleven months of the past year.

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I beg leave, very respectfully, to submit the subjoined Report of the moneys received by me, and disbursed for Home Missions, during the last year, ending September 2, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$108 17	
“ Tohickon.....	289 46	
“ Goshenhoppen.	464 67	
“ East Pennsylvania.....	601 21	
“ Lebanon	1366 92	
“ Lancaster.....	560 26	
“ East Susquehanna.....	272 77	
“ West Susquehanna.....	364 64	
Total from the Synod of the United States.....	————	\$4,028 10

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$445 40	
“ Maryland	783 13	
“ Mercersburg	748 66	
“ Virginia	298 04	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac.....	————	\$2,275 23

Synod of Pittsburgh.

From Treasurer of Synod.....	\$752 59	
Classis of Saint Paul.....	47 00	
“ Somerset.....	22 76	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh.....	————	\$822 35

Miscellaneous Sources.

Classis of San Francisco.....	\$20 00	
Gerhart Legacy (Interest).....	12 00	
Spangler Legacy (Interest).....	18 75	
Locke Legacy (Interest).....	150 00	
	————	\$200 75
Balance in Treasury, October 8, 1878.....		240 35
Total from all sources.....		\$7,566 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during year	\$7,359 37	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	79 30	
Balance in Treasury.....	128 11	
	————	\$7,566 78

In addition to the above contributions for Missions, I received from sundry sources the sum of \$407 90 for the erection of a chapel in Washington City, D. C.

REMARKS.

To arrive at the net amount contributed by the Church for Home Missions during the year, we must deduct for the sum total received from all sources, \$240 35 (in the treasury at the beginning of the year), and it will leave the actual contributions during the synodical year (which in this case, however, embraces about eleven months), only the sum of \$7,326 43, or \$2,260 98 less than last year.

Not one of the Classes within the bounds of the three Synods came up in its contributions to the assessments made by the Synods, and hence the Board is always in debt to the missionaries. Virginia Classis is the only one that came nearly up to the amount asked of her; Lebanon and Mercersburg Classes made considerable increase over last year's contributions; but all the others fell far behind, some not raising one-half the assessments made upon them.

It is earnestly hoped that in future there will be less, or no occasion to call attention to such painful facts; and that our beloved Zion will render the assistance needed to carry out the injunction of the Head of the Church, to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, September 2, 1879.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the account of W. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully report, that they have attended to the said duty and find the account correct, and a balance of \$128 11 in his hands at this date.

W. H. H. SNYDER.
D. W. GROSS.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Missions respectfully report as follows :

Two documents, viz. : the Report of the Superintendent of Missions and the Report of the Treasurer of the Trisynodic Board of Missions, has been referred to us.

From these we learn: 1st. That there are 38 missionary charges under the care of the Board, eight of which are within the bounds of this Synod.

2d. That there are several thousand dollars still due the missionaries.

3d. That \$14,000 are asked of the Synods for the ensuing year; and,

4th. That the Board suggests that this Synod raise \$2,500 of this amount.

In view of the above facts, and others, brought to the notice of Synod in a less formal way, your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1st. That we hail with pleasure the evidences of a growing missionary sentiment in our church, and the strengthening conviction that we ought to give far more liberally to this object than we have done heretofore, and also the indications of returning material prosperity, which will give us the ability to carry out the liberal things which our hearts are devising on this subject.

Resolved, 2d. That the sacred cause of missions be commended anew to the hearts and minds of the membership of this Synod, and that all legitimate and proper efforts be put forth during the coming year (such as making it a subject of fervent and therefore effectual prayer, giving it more prominence in our preaching, holding missionary festivals, and organizing auxiliary missionary societies in the congregations), still further to awaken and permanently strengthen the charities of the church in this direction, and largely to increase, if possible, the regular flow of contributions into the missionary Treasury.

Resolved, 3d. That the apportionment suggested by the Board, as concerns this Synod, be accepted, and that the sum of \$2,500 be assessed upon the Classes for the support of missions during the coming year.

Resolved, 4th. That (to supplement the action of last year directing the members of the Trisynodic Board of Missions from this Synod to organize themselves into a Board, advisory to the Trisynodic Board), the said members be farther instructed to select one of their number, who shall bear the action of the advisory Board to, and represent the interests of this Synod at the meeting of Trisynodic Board, thus saving the time of the members and the much needed money of the Mission Treasury, and at the same time doing the work assigned quite as efficiently as it can be done in any other way.

Resolved, 5th. That a missionary meeting be held on Sunday evening during the sessions of Synod; that an address be made on the subject of Home Missions by Dr. Theo. Apple, to be followed by impromptu speeches, by the members of Synod, and that a collection for missions be lifted at the close of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

D. B. LADY,
F. P. HARTMETZ,
S. Z. BEAM,
JNO. THOMPSON,
ISAAC SCHAFFER.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

Brethren: Inasmuch as the time for the meeting of Synod is fixed this year much earlier than usual, the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully represent, that they cannot make their usual annual report of the state of the finances at this time, owing to the fact, that the bulk of our investments pay interest semi-annually in April and October. We ask permission, therefore, to hand our *Financial* report to the Stated Clerk after the adjournment of Synod, and that he be directed to incorporate it in the published minutes of Synod.

At the last annual meeting of Synod, we were directed to pay Rev. Frederick A. Gast, D.D., a salary of \$1,000 per annum for the current and preceding year, but Synod failed to provide the means to meet this increased expenditure.

We have determined to pay the three professors in the Seminary a percentage of their salaries, until such time as Synod places the amount of funds in our hands to pay them in full. As Trustees of the fund you have placed under our care, we do not know what other course to pursue; but, at the same time, feel that the action of Synod places the professors and the Board in very unpleasant positions.

The Seminary is the property of Synod. It needs at least \$600 per annum more than its present income to pay its current expenses. Either its expenses must be reduced, its income must be increased, or you must direct your Board to use of the principal of the endowment fund to meet this excess of expenditures over receipts.

Is not this deficit a legitimate item of contingent expenses of Synod, and should it not be met as any other item of contingent expenses is met?

It is the province of Synod to devise ways and means to carry forward its own institution. As your Board, we will try to use the funds placed in our hands as prudently and as faithfully as we can, but we do not feel warranted in using of the principal of the endowment fund to pay current expenses, without the direct order of your venerable body. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Secretary.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 3d, 1879.

II. REPORT OF TREASURER.

The following is the statement of the Treasurer referred to in the above report :

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

1878.

DR.

Oct. 16.	For Int. W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1878.....	\$30 00
" 18.	For F. A. Gast Salary Fund act.....	5 00
" 23.	For Int. J. Heyser to Oct. 1, 1878.....	120 00
" 23.	" Kieffer Legacy, Oct. 1, 1878.....	285 00
" 23.	" Cook " "	25 00
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		310 00
Dec. 6.	" Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1878.....	6 00
" 27.	" On Loan.....	20
1879.		
Jan. 24.	" Geo. Besore to Jan. 1, 1879.....	37 50
" 25.	" Geo. Sarbaugh on act.....	90 00
" 28.	" Loan.....	6 00
Feb. 3.	" Geo. Housewirth on act.....	50 00
" 8.	" Geo. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1879.....	105 00
" 28.	" Jno. Becker to Feb. 28, 1879.....	240 00
March 10.	" Geo. Carbaugh to Oct. 1, 1878.....	120 00
" 18.	" on Loan.....	2 23
" 29.	" Mrs. C. Geiter to April 1, 1879.....	9 65
April 1.	" A. B. Wingerd, "Horst Mort." to April 1, 1879.....	116 04
" 1.	" Geo. Sarbaugh on act.....	90 00
" 2.	" E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1879.....	307 26
" 2.	" Henry Herr in full.....	60 00
" 28.	" Geo. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, 1879.....	30 00
" 29.	" Tohickon Classis to May 31, 1879.....	9 43
" 29.	" Rev. G. B. Dechant on act.....	30 00
May 1.	" E. Susq. Classis to Jan. 1, 1878.....	30 00
" 5.	" Kieffer Legacy to Ap. 1, 1879.....	285 00
" 5.	" Cook " Ap. 1, 1879.....	35 00
" 5.	" Jacob Heyser to April 1, 1879.....	120 00
" 6.	" W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1879.....	30 00
" 10.	" W. Susq. Classis on act.....	9 80
" 13.	" On Loan.....	50
" 15.	" A. B. Wingerd to Ap. 1, 1879.....	35 41
" 15.	" Mr. Zeller, per A. B. W., to Ap. 1, 1879.....	150 00
June 3.	" Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1879.....	30 00
July 9.	" Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1879.....	60 00
" 12.	" Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock.....	5 10
" 22.	" E. G. Smith to July 22, 1879.....	26 77
Aug. 4.	" Geo. Housewirth, Aug. 3, 1879.....	70 00
" 7.	" Geo. Schroyer to Aug. 8, 1879.....	105 00
" 14.	" W. L. Harbaugh to Aug. 13, 1879.....	36 00
" 26.	" W. Susq. Classis on act.....	4 54
" 27.	" Rev. C. U. Heilman to Aug. 25, 1879.....	26 00
" 28.	" East Penna. Classis to Oct. 1, 1879.....	30 00
" 28.	" John Becker to Aug. 28, 1879.....	240 00
Sept. 2.	" Tohickon Classis in full.....	89
" 3.	" Zion's Classis to May 1, 1879.....	60 00
" 15.	" John Souders in full.....	5 43
Oct. 14.	" A. B. Wingerd on act.....	200 00
" 20.	" John B. Roth on act.....	213 67
" 10.	" on Building Fund received to date	669 64
" 20.	" Bal. due Treasurer to date.....	995 59

\$5248 65

1879.

Oct. 20. Amt. due Treasurer..... \$995 59

1878.

CR.

Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treasurer per act. rendered.....	\$1109 37
" 5.	" Cash paid for Wood.....	5 00
" 25.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's house.....	6 55
Nov. 4.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on act. of Salary.....	200 00
" 4.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., ".....	200 00
" 4.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., ".....	100 00
" 9.	" Repairs at Dr. T. G. Apple's house.....	4 20
" 12.	" " " ".....	2 46
" 12.	" " " ".....	4 80
" 25.	" " Dr. E. V. Gerhart's ".....	1 25
Dec. 21.	" T. G. Apple, Salary to Jan. 1, 1879.....	175 00
" 21.	" E. V. Gerhart, Salary to Jan. 1, 1879.....	175 00
" 21.	" F. A. Gast, Salary to Jan. 1, 1879.....	100 00
" 30.	" Shertzer & Co., Repairs at Dr. Apple's.....	2 00
" 30.	" " " Dr. Gerhart's.....	2 25
" 30.	" " Ruby Furnace at Dr. Apple's.....	150 00
1879.		
Jan. 8.	" Janitor's Services to Jan. 1, 1879.....	50 00
Feb. 8.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary.....	150 00
" 8.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, ".....	150 00
" 8.	" F. A. Gast, bal. due him to Oct. 1, 1878, as per action of Synod at Easton	150 00
Mar. 14.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary.....	50 00
" 24.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, ".....	150 00
Ap. 8.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart ".....	100 00
" 8.	" Janitor's Services to April 1, 1879.....	50 00
" 30.	" Dr. F. A. Gast, on act. of salary.....	100 00
May 12.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart ".....	200 00
" 15.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, ".....	200 00
June 14.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's.....	1 50
" 16.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary.....	150 00
" 16.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, ".....	150 00
" 16.	" Dr. F. A. Gast, on act. of Salary.....	100 00
July 3.	" Janitor's services to July 1, 1879	50 00
" 19.	" E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary.....	100 00
" 22.	" E. G. Smith, Att'y, Services and Ex.....	13 77
" 26.	" F. A. Gast, on act. of Salary.....	200 00
" 23.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's.....	50
" 28.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, on act. of Salary.....	100 00
Aug. 28.	" Int. paid on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1879	40 00
" 28.	" Envelops and Postage Stamps.....	5 00
Sept. 3.	" E. V. Gerhart on act. of Salary.....	200 00
" 3.	" T. G. Apple, ".....	200 00
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, ".....	200 00
Oct. 1.	" J. B. Roth, Treasurer, Salary.....	100 00
" 16.	" Janitor's Services to Oct. 1, 1879.....	50 00

\$5,248 65

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find it correct.

I. H. KIEFER.
WILLIAM A. WILT.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 6, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
LIBRARY FUND.

1878.

DR.

	Amount of Principal.....	\$2069 96	
October 1.	For Bal. due per act. rendered.....	\$101 13	
" 7.	" Int. A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1878.....	24 59	
" 15.	" Int. Philip Fisher to April 1, 1878.....	30 00	
" 23.	" Int. John Miley to April 1st, 1877.....	30 00	
1879.			
April 2.	" Int. E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1879.....	15 00	
May 15,	" Int. A. B. Wingerd to April 1st, 1879.....	24 59	
			\$225 31

1878.

CR.

Oct. 18.	By amt. paid J. M. Stoddart & Co., bill.....	\$6 00	
" 25.	" S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	5 55	
Nov. 12.	" A. E. Harrison, bill.....	2 50	
Dec. 7.	" S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	8 62	
1879.			
Jan. 13.	" J. H. Roffe & Co., bill.....	12 00	
" 23.	" Inq. Printing Co. and P. O. Stamps....	5 00	
Feb. 12.	" F. W. Christern, bill.....	5 45	
March 1.	" Adams Exp. Co. charges.....	70	
" 17.	" Inq. Printing Co., Catalogues.....	16 33	
April 4.	" W. H. Ray, bill.....	4 80	
May 9.	" A. Bendel, bill.....	1 40	
" 9.	" S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	21 38	
" 23.	" J. M. Stoddart & Co., bill.....	6 00	
" 23.	" F. W. Christern, bill.....	3 50	
July 23.	" F. W. Christern & Exp. charges	5 30	
Aug. 22.	" A. Bendel, bill	5 40	
Sept. 13.	" Leary & Co.....	1 48	
Oct. 14.	" S. H. Zahm & Co.....	29 25	
" 20.	" Bal. in hands of Treas.....	84 65	
			\$225 31

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* SMALTZ FUND.

Amount of Principal.....\$5000 00

1878.

DR.

Oct. 12.	To Int. received to Oct. 1, 1878.....	\$150 00	
1879.			
April 4.	To Int. received to April 1, 1879.....	150 00	
Oct. 11.	" " Oct. 1, 1879.....	150 00	
			\$450 00

1878.

CR.

Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treas. to date.....	\$6 61	
" 15.	By amt. paid F. A. Dreishach, No. 1 order.....	100 00	
" 15.	" T. A. Fenstermaker, No. 2 order	50 00	
1879.			
April 5.	" F. A. Dreisbach, No. 3 order.....	75 00	
" 5.	" T. A. Fenstermaker, No. 4 order.....	10 00	
Sept. 5.	" F. A. Dreisbaeh, No. 5 order.....	58 39	
Oct. 14.	" T. A. Fenstermaker. No. 6 order.....	50 00	
" 20.	" F. A. Dreishach, No. 7 order.....	45 00	
" 20.	" Bal. in hand.....	55 00	
			<u>\$450 00</u>

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* BUILDING FUND.

1878.

Oct. 1. Amount reported to Synod..... \$12,271 05

1879.

Aug. 29. Amount received of Rev. N. Z. Snyder..... 25 00

\$12,296 05

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1878.

Oct. 1. Amount reported to Synod.. \$1718 30

No increase.

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* ENDOWMENT FUND.

1878.

Oct. 1. Amount reported to Synod. \$64,487 81

Nov. 25. " received on act. of \$81 00 paid to Rev. F. K. Levan for benefit of Theological Seminary by the "Mansdale congregation" of the Danville charge, and retained by him..... 20 78

\$64,508 59

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

The undersigned auditing committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

I. H. KIEFER.
WILLIAM A. WILT.

Harrisburgh, Pa., Nov. 6th, 1879.

III. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

Respected Brethren : The Board of Visitors takes pleasure in reporting, that the divine favor has continued to rest on our school of the prophets.

The sessions of the Seminary were opened on the first Thursday in September, 1878, and continued throughout the year without interruption.

The following nine persons were admitted into the Seminary at the opening of the year as members of the Junior class: Albert A. Black, Thomas A. Fenstermacher, Edwin A. Gernant, Cosmos H. Herbst, Newton J. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser, John W. Rauch, Calvin S. Slagel, Joshua Walbach. All are regular college graduates, with the exception of one, who was admitted on the basis of the Partial Course. Six are graduates of Franklin and Marshall, one of Mercersburg and one of Muhlenberg College.

The Faculty commends the industry, moral habits and Christian character of the students, and reports that the moral tone of the institution compares favorably with that of previous years. Their attendance was good. Several of them, however, were under the necessity of absenting themselves during a part of the time, and were excused by the Board. One taught school, another supplied a missionary congregation, and another had to give up study for a time, on account of the condition of his eyes. The examinations at the end of the year were satisfactory and regarded as an advance on those of the previous year.

The following persons, members of the Senior class, seven in number, having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, and sustained a creditable examination, were dismissed and recommended for licensure: Robert C. Bowling, Simon P. Brown, W. Wilberforce Deatrick, Maximilian Dumstrey, Thomas J. Hacker, Thomas S. Land, Silas F. Laury. All but one, have entered upon the active duties of the ministry.

During the past year, the Secretary of the Board was requested to prepare a digest of the Rules and Regulations of the Seminary, as adopted from time to time. They were revised and amended, and a copy was ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Such as were omitted are no longer regarded as binding. The Board, for the sake of convenience, directed that the charter of the Seminary should be published in next year's catalogue.

We do not think it necessary at this time to direct attention to the great importance of the Seminary to the prosperity of the Church. We simply refer to what has been said in former reports, in this respect. It will continue to need the sympathies, the prayers and the help of the Church, in order that it may perform aright its great work, and enlarge the sphere of its operations. We must

have laborers properly prepared for the harvest, and especially at this time, when the Church is engaged in much inward struggle to do her part in building up missions and in extending the kingdom of Christ in the world. In order to carry out her divine impulses, she will continue to need from year to year a supply of men, thoroughly trained and fully up to the demands of the age in culture and preparation for their work.

For what has been done by the Board, acting as a Board of Education, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer hereto annexed.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AS ADOPTED.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The following papers were referred to us for consideration, *to wit*: The Report of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, and a paper presented by Dr. Fisher, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the U. S., suggesting a similar course of action to this Synod, as to the manner of providing for the deficiency in the payment of the salaries of the Professors in the Theological Seminary.

The Report of the Board of Visitors shows that seven students were dismissed to enter the Ministry, and nine entered the Junior Class of the Seminary, and that the progress of the students in the institution during the past year compares favorably with that of previous years.

As to the financial condition of the Seminary, we learn, that on the salaries of Professors, the funds in hand were insufficient, by \$600, to meet the current expenses of the institution, and that we concur with the action taken by Synod of the U. S., recommending a similar action by this Synod.

On this point we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we concur in the action, adopted by the Synod of the U. S., directing the Board of Trustees of the Seminary to pay the Professors in the Seminary a percentage of their salaries, until such time as Synod may be able to pay them in full; and that the several Classes be and are hereby directed to appoint some particular time for each pastor to take up a collection in his charge to meet the deficiency for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

F. PILGRAM,
J. F. SNYDER,
F. B. HAHN,
W. G. KNEPPER,
J. W. DERSHIMER.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Repprt of the Trustees of Literary Institution.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:—The President of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institution would report that he called a meeting of the Board in June last, but could not secure a quorum to transact business legally. I herewith submit the report of the Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary, and call attention to the expiration of the terms of office of J. W. Love, and Elders H. L. Baer and W. R. Barnhart.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
Pres. of the Board.

Fourth Annual Report of the Principal of Greensburg Female Seminary.

The work of education has, this year, as in former years, also been carried forward with energy and commendable zeal. The organization of the institution has been more fully completed and its internal operations perfected, and it has gained much in strength, in experience and in *teaching force*. As is known to the Board, a large and able Faculty of instructors is employed—seven in number. The work of instruction has been faithfully attended to in all the departments by the respective teachers. In this respect the institution is all that could be desired, and affords special and superior advantages to those desiring a good education. The course of instruction is also ample and comprehensive, including the necessary preparatory studies, as well as the higher branches of the Seminary course proper. The Ornamental Departments of *Musio*, *Painting* and *Drawing*, also affords special advantages to young ladies to cultivate their talents and tastes for æsthetic studies. Many pupils are beginning to turn their attention to these studies. Their importance as a necessary part of a good education, is coming to be more generally felt. Higher education, to be complete, needs the art studies, as well as the more solid, practical, every-day business branches. This is especially the case in female education. These wants Greensburg Seminary aims to meet. The improvement of the pupils in attendance is hopeful and promising. Their attainments in the branches of the several departments of the institution are respectable, and their progress commendable. Much interest is manifested by many of the pupils in their studies. This is especially seen in the fidelity with which they attend upon the written examinations, which are always impartial, rigid and thorough.

The standard of scholarship aimed at and attained by many is high. Those of you who have attended the public examinations at the close of the year, are able to judge of the scholarship and standing of the pupils. There was abundant evidence of thorough training and faithful instruction in these examinations. The interest taken in the commencement exercises, shows an increasing appreciation of the institution by the public generally. The institution has thus far maintained itself, and accomplished an important work for the cause of female education in the community. The number of pupils in attendance has been about the same this year as in former years. It was found necessary to increase the income of the institution in order to meet the financial demands resting upon it. Hence, the Principal in consultation with the members of the Board thought it advisable to open a *Male department* in connection with the institution. This was accordingly done at the opening of the spring term of the present year. The aim and object of this *new arrangement* are especially set forth in a circular, issued at that time, which I herewith submit as a *part* of this Report, and ask your official sanction and approval of the plan, at least as a present necessity. I hope it will receive the proper encouragement and support from Synod. I therefore ask that this Report and the accompanying Circular be laid before Synod for their consideration.

LUCIAN CORT.

The Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

In submitting another annual report of the condition of the St. Paul's Orphan Home, it affords the Board pleasure to state that the Home has enjoyed another year of ordinary prosperity. The Lord has continued to favor it with His blessing, and to Him we ascribe all the glory and praise.

During the year about the usual number of children have been cared for. Their spiritual and temporal wants have been supplied, and the efforts of the Superintendent and the teacher in training the children for usefulness in this life and happiness in the life to come, have been successful. The discipline is good, and the order maintained is calculated to cultivate habits of industry, economy, and that prudence which is so essential to success in life.

The farm has been well cultivated, and has produced more bountifully than usual. The Board has made some important improvements. Among these, new furniture for the school-room has been procured—the room papered and painted, and thus this important department of the institution has been rendered much more agreeable, and better calculated to subserve the interest for which it is intended. We have also made an arrangement with the Butler Water Company, by which the Home is now supplied with an abundance of pure fresh water.

Considering the stringency of the times, and the very limited

amount of means upon which the Home has to be conducted, we feel that both its internal and external condition is as good as any one has any right to expect. The Synod ought to do more for the Orphan. It is a great and good work, and should command the sympathy and prayers of every member of the Church. We commend it to the Christian regards of the Synod, and ask that such measures be adopted as shall secure the material aid needed to make St. Paul's Orphan Home what it should be, a blessing to a much larger number of destitute children.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY,
President of the Board.

Report of Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Your Committee begs leave to offer the following report: Three documents have been referred to your Committee, viz.: The Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home; a statement from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Greensburg Seminary, informing us that the Board did not hold a meeting during the past year; and a Report from the Principal of the Greensburg Seminary, together with a Catalogue of the same institution.

In regard to the above documents, we propose the following action:

1st. *Resolved*, That each pastor of this Synod be directed to preach at least one sermon during the coming year, on the subject of the cause of Orphans, and to take a Collection at such service, in behalf of the St. Paul's Orphan Home.

2d. *Resolved*, That the ministers and elders of this Synod be requested to call the attention of the Sunday-schools in their respective charges to the *Orphan Messenger*, published in the interests of the Home.

3d. *Resolved*, That the attention of parents be directed to the importance of Female Education, and the facilities Greensburg Seminary offers for this purpose, and that the opening of a *Male* department is hereby sanctioned for the present.

4th. *Resolved*, That one page of the cover of the published Minutes of Synod be devoted to an advertisement of the school.

Respectfully submitted.

H. D. DARBAKER,
G. D. GURLEY,
J. WOLBACH,
WM. ELLENBERGER,
M. BRUBAKER.

ARTICLE XVI.

The report of the S. S. Board as adopted.

The S. S. Board ask leave to submit the following report: The Board held one meeting during the last Synodical year. They have in accordance with the action of Synod last year, agreed upon the following programme of topics, and persons to open the discussion of each, and had them published in the "Messenger:"—

1. Sunday-school Instruction—In what should it consist?
Revs. S. Z. Beam and W. F. Lichliter.
2. What is the proper object of the S. S.?
Revs. Jos. H. Apple and D. S. Dieffenbacher.
3. The best mode of S. S. government?
Revs. J. M. Titzel and J. W. Knappenberger.
4. The relation of S. S. instruction to Confirmation?
Revs. A. K. Kline and L. D. Steckel.
5. What are the duties of a S. S. Superintendent?
Revs. F. B. Hahn and C. R. Dieffenbacher.
6. How can most efficient Church members be trained in S. S.?
Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer and A. E. Truxal.
7. Sunday-school Hymns and Music—What should they be?
Revs. H. F. Keener and S. R. Fisher, D. D.

The Board recommends that Thursday and Friday evenings be set apart for the holding of a S. S. Convention, at which the above topics shall be discussed,—that the opening speakers be limited to *ten* minutes, and those in the general discussion to *five* minutes,—and that four hundred copies of the Programme be printed for general distribution. Respectfully submitted.

C. U. HEILMAN,
JOHN MCCONNELL,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
H. D. DARBAKER.

Thursday and Friday evenings were devoted to the discussion of the above topics.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Report of Board of Beneficiary Education for the year 1878-79.

The operations of the Board of Beneficiary Education have been carried forward during the past year with considerable efficiency.

Although the condition of Synod's Treasury did not allow the full payment of all the beneficiaries, yet they continued their studies in the several institutions, without interruption.

From the reports received from their instructors we find that their progress in their studies has been commendable, and their conduct irreproachable.

C. Gumbert and R. C. Bowling completed their theological studies during the year, and are now engaged in the active work of the ministry within the bounds of this Synod.

Although the Board is thus relieved financially, one was received under our care since our last report; other applications for aid have been made, which in all probability will be favorably acted upon at an early day, so that no diminution of our expenses can be expected at present. Five students are now under our care and receiving our aid.

Since our last report \$960 have been received and paid to those entitled thereto. To meet our demands for the coming year and pay off present indebtedness, we ask from Synod an appropriation of \$1,200.

We also recommend that Synod appropriate a fixed amount, *i. e.* \$2.00 annually for postage and stationery for use of the Board.

The term of Jacob Hershey, a member of the Board, expires with this meeting of Synod; you are called upon to fill his place by an election.

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of Board of Ben. Education.

Report of the Committee as adopted.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that the only paper that has come into their hands, is the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education. With reference to this report we recommend for your adoption, the following items:

1. That an appropriation of \$1,000 be made to meet the demands of this cause the coming year, and to pay off present indebtedness, and that hereafter \$125 per year shall be the maximum sum appropriated to each student.

2. That the sum of \$2 annually be allowed the Board for postage and stationery.

3. That the term of Jacob Hershey, as a member of the Board, expires with this meeting of Synod.

SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
T. R. DIETZ,
C. U. HELLMAN,
ELI SELL,
FRED. BONNET.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

*Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the eleven months,
ending with August 1st, 1879.*

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the U. S., respectfully submits the following report :

The Board held three regular meetings during the eleven months covered by this report, at each of which, especially at the last meeting, close attention was given to the interests entrusted to their care. It is a source of regret, that they cannot present a more flattering report than the present must necessarily be ; though, perhaps, it is more flattering than could have been expected when all the circumstances in the case are taken into consideration.

The Book Department, we regret to say, has met with a more than usual falling off in its business, than during any year since the panic commenced, and in this department our chief deficiency during the period covered by this report exists. To what particular cause this is to be traced, it may be difficult exactly to determine. Those entrusted with its management have not been relax in their efforts to make it a complete success. To what extent the patronage of the Church itself has been withheld, is best known to those, if there be any such, who have bestowed their patronage elsewhere. Certain it is, they have not done so, because they obtained better terms. It is to be remembered, however, that the general experience of the Book Trade pronounces the depression in business during the past year, to have been more severe than it has been during any year since the commencement of the panic. The Book Trade is one of the first to feel such depression, and one of the last to recover from it. The general impression, however, is, that an encouraging revival of business in the Book Department will be experienced during the incoming fall, in which the Board has reason to hope its business will share.

In the general periodical department, there has been, on the whole, some improvement on the previous year. The receipts on account of some of the periodicals have been increased, whilst the falling off on any of them is very slight, with a single exception. In those cases, however, where there has been a falling off, there has been a corresponding addition to the outstanding dues.

There has been a slight increase in the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" over that reported last year. In view of the large number of new subscribers obtained by the efforts of a special agency, it was naturally expected, that the increase would be larger. So many, however, new subscribers discontinued at the end of the

first or second year; and it is necessary constantly to purge the subscription lists of non-paying subscribers, that it requires constant effort to keep the list at the present standard; and accordingly, large as the additions have been, they have but little exceeded the number of names stricken from the list. A decrease of one hundred and thirty-seven subscribers has occurred in the "Guardian" list, whilst a large addition has been made to the number of Leeson Papers printed. The "Review" shows an increase of seventeen, and the Monthly "Child's Treasury" of thirty-seven. The Semi-monthly has lost over twelve hundred subscribers. No special reason can be assigned for this, as a continued decrease has been going forward for several years.

To meet a want which has been deeply felt for some time in the Church, and which could not be longer disregarded, without serious detriment to its interests, the Board felt constrained to commence the publication of a small weekly sheet for Infant Classes in Sunday-schools. They have named it "Sunshine," and it has met with a favorable reception thus far, and the indications are, that the receipts during the first year will be sufficient to cover the actual expenses incurred.

The Board again appointed a special committee from its own number, in which each of the three Synods were represented, to examine carefully into the condition of the establishment. They spent the greater part of two days in their specific work. Their report is here incorporated, as the most accurate account that can be given of the result reached :

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20th, 1879.

To the Reformed Church Publication Board :

Your committee appointed at the last meeting, to take account of stock in store, and ascertain the financial condition of the Board, beg leave to report :

We have carefully gone over the list of books and goods in the store, and examined into our liabilities and assets, with the following results: We find a considerable amount of stock on hand, coming down from former years, that is not saleable, and hence comparatively worthless. This we estimated at only half its cost value, and in a few instances, threw it out altogether. Other of the stock we threw off one-fourth, one-fifth, and on all of it in sum total, one-tenth of its returned value. Our Book Agent, Mr. Taylor, was with us and coincided with our judgment. We found a large number of valueless "Reviews" and "Guardians" of former years still on hand. These we reduced one-half from the estimate put on them last year, and still it is doubtful whether they can ever be sold for their present estimated value. We also found some books in sheets, that are worth but little, and hence estimated them at a low rate. It is the opinion of your committee, that greater

care should be exercised in printing a less number of extra periodicals, especially of the "Review" and "Guardian," which have accumulated in such large numbers on our hands.

We find due on Book accounts over six thousand dollars; on subscriptions due from present subscribers to our periodicals, over thirteen thousand dollars, and due from old accounts of discontinued subscribers, nearly twelve thousand dollars, for about seventeen hundred dollars of which, notes and due bills have been given. Thus it will be seen, that the total amount due the Board, on book account and subscriptions to periodicals, amounts to the sum of over *twenty-five thousand dollars*. This is a fearful loss in interest; but the worst of it is, that at least one-third of this large amount, or eight thousand dollars of it, had to be thrown out as not collectable. More care, we think, should be exercised in trusting those, not known to be good, and still more earnest efforts made to collect up outstanding claims. In saying all this, we have no design of reflecting upon the business capacity of our Superintendent or Book Agent. We believe they are both doing the very best they can for the interests of the establishment. The fault is rather with our ministers and people, who buy books and subscribe for periodicals and do not pay for them. But the experience of the past should teach us to trust less, and be wider awake to our pecuniary interests.

We are sorry to say, that our liabilities have increased during the last eleven months, about \$2,500, while our assets have decreased about \$1,800. Of course, this is owing in part to the reductions made on stock on hand, and the throwing out of what are believed to be worthless accounts. It will be remembered, also, that, when four years ago, the Synods elected a new Editor-in-chief, it was hoped that the increased income to the Establishment would meet the expense of his salary, and that this expectation has been disappointed, so that a large part of our increased liability is owing to the demand made upon us to pay the salary of additional force on the "Messenger." Still, the fact stares us in the face, that we are losing money largely, and, that unless our expenses can be brought nearer within our income, our existence as a Board will be only a matter of a few years. It is not within the province of the committee, as such, to suggest a remedy. We leave that to the united wisdom of the Board, and to the Synods represented in it. The total liabilities and assets, together with his detailed statement, will be found in the Superintendent's report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE,
G. S. GRIFFITH.

To provide, as far as in their power, for a decrease of expenditure, the Board has made a general reduction on all the salaries of those employed in its service. As a means of further relieving the

Board from financial pressure, it respectfully overtures the Synods represented in the Board, to recommend to the Classes and congregations within their bounds, to provide means for printing and distributing religious literature gratuitously, or at such reduced rates as the Board may deem best, to weak charges, Mission congregations, and other benevolent associations. Should this overture be granted, it further asks, that the Synod of the United States appoint a committee to prepare the manuscript for a tract on the "Duty and Privilege of giving to the Support of the Benevolent Operations of the Church:"

That the Synod of the Potomac appoint a committee to prepare a tract on the "Duty of and Benefit to Individuals and Families, Subscribing for and Reading our Church Periodicals;"

That the Synod of Pittsburgh appoint a committee to prepare the manuscript for a tract on the "Duty and Advantages of full Church Membership;" each tract not to contain more than eight pages, and that the cost of printing them be paid out of the fund raised for the free circulation of religious literature, and that all the congregations within the bounds of the three Synods, which contribute to this fund, shall be gratuitously supplied with said tracts for distribution in their families.

With a view to extend the circulation of the "Guardian" and "Child's Treasury," the Board has determined upon a reduction of the price of these periodicals, to go into effect, with the opening of the incoming year. As the income on the Semi-monthly Child's Treasury, in consequence of the falling off of its subscription list, is insufficient to cover the additional expenses incurred through it, the Board will discontinue its issue after the present year.

The Board appointed a committee to prepare a new price list of books published by it, and of all books on hand, putting such as are saleable at greatly reduced rates. This committee is to report at the next meeting of the Board to be held in December next, and the new price list is to go into effect with the opening of the incoming year.

The time of service of G. S. Griffith and B. Wolff, Jr., as members of the Board, will terminate with the present year. It will, therefore, devolve upon the Synods they respectively represent, to fill the vacancies in the Board, which will thus occur.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Aug. 29th, 1879.

Report of the Committee on Publication as adopted.

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to them:—

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the

eleven months ending August 1st, 1879, together with a general and detailed statement of the financial operations of the Board during the same time.

2. Overtures from the Synod of the United States, asking this Synod to elect one member of a Committee to select a series of S. S. Scripture lessons and prepare comments on the same, for the year, and also asking this Synod to unite with it, in abolishing the Editorship-in-chief of the "Messenger."

Your Committee learn from the report that there has been an increase of liabilities amounting to \$2539 08, and a decrease of assets of \$4829.86, which makes a decrease of valuation of \$7368.94. At this rate our Publication operations must soon be involved in hopeless ruin and bankruptcy. Many causes have contributed to this end, viz. :—Stringency in money matters,—decrease in sale of books and in the circulation of some of the Periodicals,—a large reduction in the value of the stock on hand,—a failure to collect promptly outstanding dues, with the steady increase of interest on all liabilities.

The following recommendations were made by the Board of Publication, to which your Committee propose the following action by the Synod:—

1. To appoint a Committee to prepare a tract on "The Duty and Advantages of Church Membership :"—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare such a Tract, and that as soon as a sufficient amount of money be collected in Pittsburgh Synod to pay for its publication, it be published.

2. To discontinue the "Semi-monthly Child's Treasury."

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to reconsider their action with regard to the publication of the "Semi-monthly Child's Treasury," and continue its publication, if they can do so without serious loss.

3. The term of B. Wolff, Jr., expires as a member of the Board.

Resolved, That this vacancy be filled by an election.

4. *Resolved*, That a cheaper grade of paper be used for the "Messenger."

5. That collections be held in the charges of the three Synods to enable the Board to make free contributions to weak and mission congregations.

Resolved, That collections be taken for the aforesaid purpose wherever practicable.

To the overtures from the Synod of the United States the following action is proposed:

6. To appoint a member on a Committee to prepare S. S. Lesson Leaves :

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to comply with this request, but will be satisfied with any arrangements the other two Synods may make.

7. It is proposed to lessen the expenses by dispensing with the services of the Editor-in-chief of the "Messenger," and the Synodical Editors, and give this work into the hands of a Superintendent.

Resolved, That this Synod does not concur in the changes in the editorial management of the "Messenger" recommended by the Synod of the United States, and that we refer all questions touching the internal management of the publication interests, to the Tri-Synodic Board of Publication.

8. *Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the Board in reducing the salaries of the employees and editors.

Respectfully submitted.

C. U. HEILMAN,
F. PILGRAM,
J. W. AISPACH,
L. P. NALY,
SAML. FLAUGH.

Revs. J. M. Titzel, Geo. D. Gurley and F. A. Edmonds were appointed the Committee called for in item 1, of this report.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer, in account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1878.

DR.

Oct. 12, To Balance \$417 64

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1878.

Oct. 12, From Rev. J. W. Love, Treas..... \$ 51 00

Nov. 22, " " " " 110 00

1879.

Apr. 29, " " " " 292 73

Jun. 26, " " " " 134 77

Oct. 6, " " " " 280 00

868 50

CLARION CLASSIS.

1878.							
Nov. 13,	Cash from Rev. D. S. D.,	Treasurer	.....	\$	68	04	
1879.							
Jan. 14,	"	"	"	"	"	66	07
Jan. 21,	"	"	"	"	"	99	86
Apr. 17,	"	"	"	"	"	73	99
May 25,	"	"	"	"	"	98	70
June 24,	"	"	"	"	"	248	49
Sep. 27,	"	"	"	"	"	84	37
Oct. 8,	"	"	"	"	"	111	42
							850 94

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

1878.							
Nov. 13,	By Receipt of T. S. Board	.....	\$	20	00		
1879.							
Feb. 13,	By Cash of Rev. A. E. Truxal,	Treasurer	.....	22	76		
Feb. 19,	By Cash & Receipts,	"	"	186	00		
Mar. 27,	"	"	"	30	00		
May 28,	"	"	"	75	00		
May 30,	"	"	"	75	00		
June 20,	"	"	"	200, receipts, 300	500	00	
June 26,	"	"	"	"	50	00	
							958 76

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

DR.

1878.							
Nov. 22,	By Cash of C. M. Bousch,	Treas.	.....	\$	28	00	
Dec. 31,	"	"	"	"	49	86	
June 13,	"	"	"	"	230	49	
Sep. 13,	"	"	"	"	59	55	
Oct. 8,	"	"	"	"	112	31	
							480 21

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

June 4,	By Cash, T. J. Craig,	Treasurer	.....	\$100	00		
						100	00
						\$3,676	05

Credited on old balance as paid out by Classis during the past three years.

Westmoreland Classis	.....	\$787	31
Somerset Classis	.....	220	00
Allegheny Classis	.....	375	00
St. Paul's Classis	.....	642	45

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer, in account with Reformed Pittsburgh Synod.

PAID OUT FOR MISSIONS.

1878.							
							CR.
Oct. 28,	Treas. G. Synod's Board for Iowa	.....	\$100	00			
Oct. 28,	Rev. F. R. Schwedes	.....	20	00			
	Forward	.....	\$120	00			

Carried forward.....		\$120 00
1879.		
Feb. 13,	W. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	22 76
" 14,	Rev. F. R. Schwedes.....	85 00
Mar. 4,	Rev. J. M. Souders	62 50
" 19,	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	75 00
Apr. 19,	Rev. Gurley, Latrobe	102 73
" 19,	Rev. J. M. Titzel, Irwin.....	65 00
May 26,	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	62 50
" 30,	Rev. F. R. Schwedes	60 09
June 6,	Rev. D. Darbaker	75 00
" 18,	Rev. Ruhl. Frostburg.....	300 00
" 18,	Rev. F. P. Hartmetz	50 00
" 24,	Rev. Gurley, Latrobe	84 77
July 2,	Rev. F. R. Schwedes	125 00
" 17,	J. W. Knappenberger	137 50
Sep. 9,	Rev. W. F. Lichliter	66 67
Oct. 6,	Rev. Gurley.....	50 00
" 7,	Rev. F. R. Schwedes	125 00
" 7,	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	137 50
" 8,	Rev. F. P. Hartmetz.....	50 00
		<hr/> \$1857 02

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1878.		
Nov. 11,	C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer	\$ 60 00
" 13,	" " "	250 00
Jan. 29,	" " "	50 00
Apr. 19,	" " "	150 00
" 19,	" " "	125 00
June 18,	" " "	205 00
Aug. 9,	" " "	20 00
Oct. 9,	" " "	100 00
		<hr/> \$960 00

SYNODICAL EXPENSES.

1878.		
Oct. 28,	Rev. J. M. Titzel, per order	\$ 3 00
	Expressage	25
Feb. 14,	Printing Minutes.....	132 15
June 24,	Salary of Stated Clerk.....	50 00
		<hr/> \$ 185 40

REV. G. B. RUSSELL CLAIM.

Oct. 28,	By order of Treasurer of Clarion Classis	\$107 00
June 24,	By order of Treasurer of Westmoreland Classis.....	64 00
	By order of Treasurer of St. Paul's Classis	50 00
		<hr/> \$ 221 00
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Balance on hand.....		\$3223 42
		452 63
By Amount Received.....		<hr/> \$3676 05
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PITTSBURGH, October 10th, 1879.

Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :—

I herewith submit my annual report, as your Treasurer.

The total amount received by me in receipts and cash for Missions	\$1906 00
For Beneficiary Education.....	1160 01
Synodical Expenses.....	185 40
G. B. Russell claim.....	221 00
Balance from former year	310 64
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	\$3676 05
Total amount paid out.....	3223 42
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Balance for Beneficiary Education and Missions.....	\$452 63
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It is gratifying to know that although we have not contributed anything towards the general expenses of the Tri-Synodical Board during the past year, yet we have paid off entirely a legacy of debt left us by them, and also sent to the Missions in Iowa one hundred dollars. As the receipts during the first Synodical quarter will be small, the present balance, with probable receipts, will largely suffice for our payments due between this and January first next.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer.***Report of the Committee on Finance as adopted.**

Your Committee offers the following report :—

A number of papers were referred to us for consideration,—one from the Board of Education instructing us to apportion \$1000 for this cause ; one from the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions apportioning \$2,500 for Missions,—and the action of Synod with reference to the Cumberland Church property, appropriating \$500,—to pay note on that ;—also the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was audited, and found correct. The following are the proposed apportionments for the ensuing year :

Westmoreland Classis.

Missions,	\$668
Ben. Education,	226
Cumb. Ch. Prop.	133
General Fund,	173
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	\$1,200

Clarion Classis.

Missions,	\$625
Ben. Education,	250
Cumb. Ch. Prop.	115
General Fund,	110
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	\$1,100

St. Paul's Classis.

Missions,	\$390
Ben. Education,	160
Cumb. Church Property,	75
General Fund,	75—
	\$700

Somerset Classis.

Missions,	\$625
Ben. Education,	250
Cumb. Church Property,	115
General Fund,	110—
	\$1,100

Allegheny Classis.

Missions,	\$310
Ben. Education,	125
Cumb. Church Property,	60
General Fund,	55—
	\$550

Arrearages.

Westmoreland Classis—overpaid,	\$61.00
Clarion “ —in arrears,	117 77
St. Paul “ “ “	139.29
Somerset “ “ “	185.00
Allegheny “ “ “	443.00

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. PONTIOUS,
J. W. LOVE,
F. A. EDMONDS,
C. M. BOUSCH,
JOHN THOMPSON.

Report of Special Committee on the Memorial from St. Paul's Classis as adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred the memorial from St. Paul's Classis touching the financial affairs between this Synod and said Classis, beg leave to report respectfully that they have considered the statement made by Elder C. M. Bousch, Chairman of the Committee appointed for that purpose by the said Classis; and do unanimously agree in recommending that the request of the said Classis for exoneration be granted: Provided, however, that this recommendation, if adopted, shall not be construed into an exoneration from any part of the assessment made upon the said Classis by this Synod at its last annual meeting.

J. I. SWANDER,
A. K. KLINE,
GEO. F. RAHAUSER.

Contingent Fund.

Revs. A. K. Kline, F. P. Hartmetz and Elder Philip Hay were appointed a committee to collect a fee of 25 cents from each member of Synod for contingent expenses. This committee afterward reported its duty performed, and \$18.25 collected. The committee was ordered to pay the expenses of printing tickets and programmes for Synod's use, and to hand the remainder to the treasurer of the congregation.

ARTICLE XX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was amended and adopted, and the committee ordered to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for Monday at 10 o'clock, A.M. At this hour the election was entered upon. Revs. J. B. Thompson, B. B. Ferer and J. Dotterer were appointed tellers. In due time the result was announced as follows: *Trustee of Synod*, Elder C. M. Bousch; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. J. W. Alspach, M. H. Diefenderfer, J. M. Evans, and Elder Eli George. *Trustees of Lit. Institution*, Rev. J. W. Love and Elders H. L. Baer, Jno. Troxel; Rev. J. F. Snyder for one year, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. T. J. Barkley. *Ben. Education*, Elder Jacob Hershey. *Board of Missions*, Rev. S. Z. Beam. *Trustees of Theolog. Sem.*, Elders W. E. Schmertz, T. J. Craig, and Rev. Jos. H. Apple. *S. S. Board*, Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. U. Heilman, Jno. McConnell, T. F. Stauffer, L. D. Steckel. *Board of Publication*, B. Wolff, Jr. *Synodical Editor*, Rev. C. U. Heilman.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder C. M. Bousch; *four years*, Elder Jno. Troxel, *three years*, Rev. W. H. Bates; *two years*, Rev. J. W. Alspach; *one year*, Elder Geo. Fritz.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Revs. J. W. Alspach, M. H. Diefenderfer, J. M. Evans and Eli George; *three years*, Rev. J. W. Pontious, Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., A. Moyer; *two years*, Revs. J. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *one year*, Revs. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds, and Peter Keil.

Trustees of Lit. Institution.

For three years, Rev. J. W. Love, Elders H. L. Baer, Jno. Troxel;
two years, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, Elder T. J. Craig;
one year, Revs. J. I. Swander, J. M. Titzel, J. F. Snyder.

Board of Ben. Education.

Five years, Elder Jacob Hershey; *four years*, Rev. J. W. Love;
three years, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; *two years*, Rev. L. Cort;
one year, Rev. H. F. Keener.

Board of Missions.

Four years, Rev. S. Z. Beam; *three years*, Rev. L. D. Steckel;
two years, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *one year*, Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jos. H. Apple, Elders W. E. Schmertz, T. J. Craig.

Board of Visitors.

Revs. J. M. Titzel, Jos. H. Apple.

Sunday-School Board.

Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. U. Heilman, L. D. Steckel, Jno. McConnell, T. F. Stauffer.

Publication Board.

B. Wolff, Jr.

Synodical Editor.

Rev. C. U. Heilman.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate persons to be elected Peace Commissioners from this Synod reported at the P. M. session on Saturday, and the election was made the order of the day for Monday at 11 A.M. Synod spent thirty minutes in devotional services. Revs. L. D. Steckel, Jno. M. Evans and C. Gumbert were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Primarii, Revs. Jno. M. Titzel, J. H. Apple, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *Secundi*, Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, Elders H. L. Baer, W. R. Barnhart.

 ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Synod ordered the Stated Clerk to have 2,000 copies of the minutes printed, and to distribute them as usual.

Leave of Absence.

Revs. George D. Gurley, George A. Whitmore, and Elder H. Hugus were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence were to come before Synod. This committee reported from time to time, and leave of absence was granted to members as noted under the head of *Members Present*.

ARTICLE XXII.
RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.*Thanks.*

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Pittsburgh Synod are hereby tendered to the members of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the entertainment so kindly provided its membership during its sessions, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

Resolved, That the thanks of Pittsburgh Synod are hereby tendered the authorities of the A. V. and the B. & O. Railroads for allowing excursion rates to the members of Synod, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate this resolution to the proper officers of said roads.

The roll was called, and Rev. Chas. Knepper and Elder John Smith found absent without leave. Rev. Charles Knepper was excused, and Elder John Smith was referred to his Classis. The record was read and approved at every morning session, and also at the close of the final session before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXIII.
ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 10 o'clock, P.M., October 13th, 1879, to meet in general convention in the Reformed church, Centerville, Somerset Co., Pa., October 13th, A.D. 1880, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Closed by the repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the L. M. Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

H. F. KEENER,

Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original record.

A. E. TRUXAL,

President.

H. F. KEENER,

Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp's.	Cong'g Purp's.	
Jacob F. Snyder,	2	Emmanuel,	283	275	22		6	16	265	6			14	2	150		\$ 95 00	\$1200 00	Manor Dale, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
John I. Swander,	2	Salem,	196	160	16		5	7	196	1			6	2	130		50 00	600 00	" " "
John W. Love,	3	Second, Greensburg,	278	260	26	4	15	7	254	4			6	2	177		250 00	1216 00	" " "
David B. Lady,	2	Brush Creek,	540	403	36	4	66	24	500	14			7	2	200		225 00	1150 00	" " "
John M. Titzel,	1	Irwin,	160	165	10				140	7			5	1	80		106 00	600 00	" " "
John McConnell,	2	Salina,	104	73	12	1	3		101				1	2	100		54 37	378 00	" " "
Samuel Z. Beam,	4	Mt. Pleasant,	223	137	13	2	2	8	144	5			6	4	203		160 00	1290 00	" " "
Cyrus R. Diefenbacher,	2	First, Greensburg,	425	380	49	5	68	28	385	4			10	2	250		166 00	2000 00	" " "
George D. Gurley,	1	Latrobe,	82	60	8	1	4	5	72					1	55		50 00	264 00	" " "
Benjamin B. Ferer,	3	Pleasant Unity.	550	290	14		1	2	260				5	3	110		115 33	435 00	" " "
John Dotterer,	1	Pine Run,	118	100	6		5	7	101		1		10	3	100		50 00	720 00	" " "
Suppl'd by Rev. Swander,	1	St. James Congreg'n.	35	40					32										Pleasant Unity
Total, 15	24	11	2994	2343	212	17	175	105	2550	41	1	29	56	22	1555		1321 70	9853 00	

Lucian Cort, President of Greensburg Female Seminary,
James Grant, Without Charge,
Loran B. Leasure, Suspended,
B. C. Bowling, Licentiate,

Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
Bradenville, " "
Greensburg, " "
Allegheny City, " "

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregation.	CHARGES.	Members.			Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. of Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Treasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contribution.		English Min.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp's.	Congr. Purp's.		
W. C. Hout,	2 Tylerburg, Miss.		49	42	5				3	38	4			3	1	50		\$13 00	\$153 00	1	Lineville, Clarion County Pa.
H. Hoffman,	3 Beaver,		230	175	43			22	3	217	5		23	9	3	150	1	1077 00	1077 00	10	" "
D. S. Dieffenbacher,	2 Kittanning, "		252	200	15		2	18	9	225	5			2	2	155	2	873 00	873 00	12	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., "
John Wolbach,	2 Paradise,		318	291	38			23	2	239				20	2	95		975 00	975 00		Troutville, Clearfield "
Alpha K. Kline,	2 South Bend,		210	174	6		2	2	1	201	1			5	2	211		600 00	600 00		Elderton, Armstrong "
W. C. B. Shulenberger,	2 St. Petersburg,		312	330	21		5	14	11	291	4		28	9	2	195		2500 00	2500 00		St. Petersburg, Clarion "
M. H. Diefenderfer,	3 Plumb Creek,		164	122	9				3	158	2			2	1	50		475 00	475 00	7	Elderton, Armstrong "
J. B. Thompson,	4 Red Bank,		260	200	25		1	13	27	241				16	4	225		840 00	840 00		Shannondale, Clarion "
T. R. Dietz,	4 Jefferson,		176	140	5		1	25	1	145	1			1	4	80		530 00	530 00	8	Sprankles Mills, Jeffersn "
John M. Evans,	4 Curllsville,		266	232	20		2	39	11	231	4			5	3	185		257 00	257 00		Curllsville, Clarion "
Geo. A. Whitmore,	3 St. John's,		170	220	5					69					2	60		11 00			Dayton, Armstrong "
J. J. Penneyacker,	Without charge,																				Rimersburg, Clarion "
H. W. Hoffmeier,	do do																				Middletown, Frederick " Md.
	31		2407	2126	192		13	156	71	2055	26		51	72	26	1456	3	\$1213 00	\$8170 00	37	

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregati's	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Frasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Pa.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Renew. Purp's.	Conr'l Purp's.	English.	German.			
D. D. Leberman,	2	Meadville,	240	105	19	1	3	1	220				18	2	230			\$170 00	\$ 870	22	4	Meadville, Crawford Co.,	Pa.
F. B. Hahn,	2	Greenville.	225	170	21	17	19	190	1				6	2	229			139 00	925	18		Greenville, Mercer Co.,	"
F. P. Hartmetz,	2	Sharon,	208	163	13			172	26				1	1	64			16 00	945	12	6	Sharon,	"
J. May,	2	Mercer,	149	81	6	2	13	5	119				2	2	75			39 00	600	12		Balm,	"
F. Pilgram,	4	Shenango,	495	345	23	1	19	430	8				8	3	300			228 00	1325	20		Greenville,	"
Jos. H. Apple,	2	Saegertown,	193	140	8	13	13	180					10	1	30	2		65 00	600	12		Saegertown, Crawford Co.,	"
J. W. Ponious,	4	Zion,	147	148	25	20	20	131					9	2	150			137 50	652	12	3	Cochranon,	"
			1657	1152	115	485	25	1442	29				54	13	1078	2		\$794 50	\$ 5917	108	13		
	18																						

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.										Baptisms.		Additions.		Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Fraternal Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Contributions.		Students for Ministry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	By letter.	Benef. Purp's.	Confr'l Purp's.																	
Benjamin Knepper,	3 Wellersburgh,	159	125	32		10	3	114			1	4	2	175	\$ 30 00	\$ 250 00									Wellersburgh, Somerset Co., Pa.	
H. F. Keener,	5 Zion,	337	247	41	6	30	3	274	3			9	4	200	180 81	1102 81									Berlin, " "	
John Ruhl,	1 Frostburg,	179	159	19		11		179				9	1	167	29 29	950 00									Frostburg, Md.	
A. E. Truxal,	4 Somerset,	300	125	24	10	23	3	275	6			13	4	175	146 79	800 00									Somerset, Somerset Co., Pa.	
L. D. Steckel,	4 Meyersdale,	361	270	35	1	16	10	303	4			5	4	221	69 71	870 00									Meyersdale, " "	
F. R. Schwedes,	1 Cumberland,	144	125	10			4	125	2			6	1	100	50 00	850 00									Cumberland, Md.	
Calvin U. Heilman,	4 Paradise,	350	225	33	11	20		315	8			12	4	250	472 48	1440 00									Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.	
W. H. Bates.	3 Beam,	256	141	36	3	16		183	1			13	2	208	169 98	875 00									Sipesville, " "	
S. R. Bridenbaugh.	1 Berlin,	260	165	12	2	32	8	235	2			3	1	160	235 00	1130 00									1 Berlin, " "	
John S. Wagner.	5 Stoyestown,*	227	126					187					3	129	9 05										Stoyestown, " "	
Total, 10.	31	2573	1708	242	33	158	31	2190	26			174	26	1785	1393 11	8267 81									3	

* Constituted a new charge, April 1, 1879. The vacant columns are included in the statistics of Beam charge.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregati's.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		English Min.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp's.	Cons'l Purp's.			
T. J. Barkley,	1	Grace Church,	157	64	8			4	135	1			1	1	54			\$2035 00	10	101 Fremont St., Allegheny, Pa.	
T. F. Stauffer, Supply,	1	Butler,	58	20	10	4	14	13	54				1	1	60			700 00	6	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.	
F. A. Edmonds,	2	Harmony,	281	150	12	1	12	1	235	4		1	2	1	254	1		889 00	10	Harmony, Butler Co., "	
J. W. Alspach,	2	Fairview,	224	186	15			7	179	2			7	2	95			603 00	12	Baldwin, Butler Co., "	
J. Hannaberry,		Without Charge,																		"	
H. D. Darbaker,		"																		"	
Casper Scheel,		"																		Delmont,	
Charles Knepper,		"																		Middle Lancaster, Butler Co., "	
Wm. F. Lichtler,*		"																		Mansfield Valley, Alleg'y Co., "	
J. M. Souder,†		"																		Harmony, Butler Co., "	
W. B. Sandoe,	2	Henshews,	119	65	10		3	5	99	14			3	1	85			401 00	12	Butler, Butler Co., "	
J. W. Knappenberger,	1	Zion's Church,	43	30	6				36				1	1	30			300 00	8	East End, Pittsburgh, "	
"	1	Trinity Church,	61	57	1				46	4			1	1	72	2		300 00	7	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co., "	
Vacant.	1	1st Ch., Allegheny.																		Allegheny, "	
C. Gumbert,	1	Sugar Creek,	234	230	19	2	3	2	200	3			4	1	100			220 40	12	Adams, Armstrong Co., "	
Total, 12.	12		1177	802	81	732	32	934	28			1	20	9	750	3		467 30	6059 00	77	

* † Principals of Harmony Collegiate Institute, Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.

Statistical Summary for 1879.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Minist.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni- cated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Beneficent Contributi- ons.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.	Minutes	
					Infants.	Adults.													Englsh.	German.
Westmoreland,	14	24	2,994	2,343	212	17	175	105	2,449	41	1	29	56	22	1,615	\$1,321 70	\$9,853 00			
Clarion,	13	31	2,407	2,126	187	13	156	71	1,986	26		51	72	26	1,458	1,213 00	8,170 00	3	37	
St. Paul,	7	18	1,657	1,162	132	4	85	25	1,342	29			54	15	1,078	784 50	4,917 00	2	108	13
Somerset,	10	31	2,573	1,708	242	33	158	31	2,190	26		1	74	26	1,685	1,393 11	8,267 81	3		
Allegheny,	12	12	1,177	802	81	7	32	32	983	28		1	20	9	750	467 30	6,059 00	3	77	
Total, 8 Classes,	56	116	10,808	8,141	854	74	606	264	8,950	150	1	82	276	98	6,586	5,179 61	37,266 81	11	222	13
Synod of U. S., 8 Classes,	206	433	65,607	37,755	5,352	351	3,524	1,010	50,789	590	7	333	2,289	496	38,036	19,824 00	183,955 00	61		
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	145	293	20,954	10,221	1,872	546	2,180	984	17,662	392	21	486	560	232	17,649	9,089 00	112,854 00	18		
Synod of the N. West, 10 Classes,	158	240	21,509	15,327	3,003	42	1,996	1,331	17,009	366	116	339	844	209	14,037	17,342 00	109,997 00	27		
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	127	263	26,681	15,986	1,977	230	1,474	632	23,120	385	4	99	739	244	16,776	11,471 00	89,301 00	28		
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	42	38	9,183	5,759	1,538	15	606	396	7,513	97	79	79	325	40	5,709	3,331 00	66,025 00	3		
Grand Total, 6 Synods, 46 Classes,	734	1383	154,742	93,189	14,596	1258	10386	4,617	125,043	1,980	228	1418	5,033	1,319	98,793	\$66,236 61	\$599,398 81	148		

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This is a First Class School for Young Ladies. A Male Department has also been opened in connection with the Institution. It is, however, separate and distinct from the "Young Ladies' Course."

TERMS.

BOARD AND TUITION, INCLUDING LIGHT AND FUEL (<i>except in Sleeping Rooms</i>) FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR	\$190 00
TUITION FOR DAY SCHOLARS, IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENT	18 00
" " " " " IN COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.....	33 00
THE CLASSICS AND HIGHER MATHEMATICS IN THE MALE DEPARTMENT, EXTRA PER ANNUM.....	7 00
Twenty-five per cent. discount to ministers' daughters on the above charges.	

EXTRA CHARGES.

FRENCH FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR	\$20 00
MUSIC, PIANO AND ORGANS OR PRIVATE VOCAL, EACH.....	33 00
FRENCH. DRAWING, PAINTING IN WATER COLORS, EACH	20 00
USE OF INSTRUMENT, (<i>One hour daily</i>)	10 00
WASHING, PLAIN PIECES, PER DOZ. (<i>Dresses Extra</i>)	60
STATIONERY, (<i>Copy Books, Pens, Ink and Crayon</i>)	2 00
DRAWING,	20 00
DRAWING IN OIL.....	40 00
WHEN FIRE IS REQUIRED IN SLEEPING ROOM, EACH PUPIL.....	8 00

Pupils are required to furnish their own napkins and towels, which, with every article of clothing, should be distinctly marked with the owner's name.
Charges to be paid one-half in advance, the balance at the close of each term.

CALENDAR.

THE FIRST TERM OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Always opens the first Wednesday in September, and continues seventeen weeks, including the Christmas Vacation of two weeks.

The Second Term always begins on Wednesday after New Year, and continues twenty-four weeks, with one week's recess at Easter.

Pupils can enter at any time. For Catalogues apply to the Principal.

REV. LUCIAN CORT, A. M.,
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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in general convention in St. John's Reformed Church, Centreville, Somerset County, Pa., October 13th, A. D. 1880, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until October 18th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when it adjourned finally.

Rev. Albert E. Truxal, the President, preached the opening discourse, from 1 Cor. 3: 11-13, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, Jno. W. Love, David B. Lady, Jno. McConnell, Saml. Z. Beam,* Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,† Lucian Cort, Chas. W. Good, Albert E. Truxal, James Grant.†

Elders.—Joseph Remaley, Wm. R. Barnhart, David L. Snyder, Wm. E. Weible, Jno. M. Fennel, Stephen C. Remsberg, Matthias Soxman.†

Clarion Classis.—Revs. Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, John Wol-

* Appeared on Saturday morning.

† Excused after Friday noon.

† Appeared on Friday P. M.

bach,* Alpha K. Kline, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, M. H. Dieffenderfer, Jos. B. Thompson, T. R. Dietz,* Jno. M. Evans, Geo. A. Whitmore, J. J. Pennepacker, Robt. C. Bowling, Jac. F. Wiant.

Elders.—William Gillis,† Geo. Walters, Stephen Lawall, Peter Johnson, Jac. Barnhart, Henry Aurandt,* Valentine Schneider,* Saml. Barndt.*

St. Paul Classis.—Revs. F. B. Hahn, F. P. Hartmetz,* Josiah May, Fred. Pilgram,* Dr. Jos. H. Apple,* J. W. Pontious.‡

Elders.—Simon Kameron, Benj. Sidley, Minnis Foust,* Jonas Snyder.*

Somerset Classis.—Revs. B. Knepper, H. F. Keener, Jno. Ruhl, L. D. Steckel, C. U. Heilman, Wm. H. Bates, S. R. Bridenbaugh, Jno. S. Wagner, W. W. Deatrick, S. T. Wagner.

Elders.—Anthony Getz, Wm. Hauger, Geo. Werner, John Grotfelty, Jno. Suder, John Thompson, Jac. J. Zimmerman,‡ Aaron Will.

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer,‡ F. A. Edmonds,§ Joel W. Alspach, J. M. Souder, J. W. Knappenberger, Hiram King, John H. Prugh.*

Elders.—A. Moyer, Thomas J. Craig. ||

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., Supt. of Missions.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. J. Unruh, of the Lutheran Church, and Elder M. Ryan, of the Disciple Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, of Kittanning, Pa., was elected *President*.

Rev. H. F. Keener, of Berlin, Pa., is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. A. K. Kline, of Elderton, Pa., *Cor. Secretary*.

Elder Thomas J. Craig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading the Rules of Order was dispensed with.

* Appeared on Thursday P. M. † Excused after Thursday's A. M. session.

‡ Excused after Friday's A. M. session.

§ Excused after Saturday's A. M. Session.

|| Appeared on Saturday morning.

The *Bar of the House* was limited to the first six pews in front of the chancel.

The following *Session Hours* were adopted:—

For opening Sessions, 9 o'clock, A. M., 2 P. M., and 6½ P. M.

Closing 11.30, A. M., and 4.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. Wm. W. Deatrick, L. D. Steckel, J. S. Wagner; Elders, Aaron Will and John Thompson.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Jno. McConnell, Wm. C. B. Shulenberg, J. W. Pontious; Elders, Wm. R. Barnhart and Wm. Gillis.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. A. K. Kline, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. W. Alspach; Elders, A. Moyer and Simon Kameron.

Overtures.—Revs J. W. Knappenberger, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. S. Wagner; Elders, Geo. Walters and David L. Snyder.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. May, J. Ruhl, Jos. B. Thompson; Elders, W. E. Weible and Stephen Lawall.

State of the Church.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, T. F. Stauffer, R. C. Bowling; Elders, John Glotfelty and Peter Jonson.

Missions—Revs. L. D. Steckel, Jac. F. Wiant, F. B. Hahn; Elders, Jos. Remaley and Jacob Barnhart.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. D. B. Lady, M. H. Dieffenderfer, C. U. Heilman; Elders, J. M. Fennel and Wm. Hauger.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. J. J. Pennepacker, W. H. Bates, J. M. Souder; Elders, Jac. J. Zimmerman and Geo. Werner.

Education.—Revs. F. A. Edmonds, C. W. Good, Geo. A. Whitmore; Elders, Anthony Getz and Benj. Sidley.

Publication.—Revs. Lucian Cort, F. B. Hahn, J. Ruhl; Elders, Wm. R. Barnhart and Simon Kameron.

Finance.—Revs. Hiram King, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. W. Love; Elders, S. C. Remsberg and Aaron Will.

Nominations.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, M. H. Dieffenderfer, C. Knepper; Elders, A. Moyer and Stephen Lawall.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Copies of the Minutes of Synod were presented and handed to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Records of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset

and Allegheny Classes were received, and handed to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

3. The Reports of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Board of Publication, etc., were received and handed to their proper Committees.

4. Communications and overtures were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on Religious Services reported the following, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Divine Services would offer the following:

Thursday Evening.—Ordination of Licentiate, Saml. T. Wagner, at the request of Somerset Classis.

Sermon by Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Altar Services—by the Officers of Synod.

Friday Evening, S. S. meeting as per programme of Sunday-school Board.

Saturday, 2 P. M., Preparatory Services.

Sermon, German, Rev. F. P. Hartmetz.

“ “ English, Rev. F. B. Hahn.

Altar Services, Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Rev. Geo. A. Whitmore.

Saturday, 6.30, P. M., Synodical Missionary meeting, with Rev. Saml. Z. Beam in the chair.

Addresses by Revs. Theodore Appel, D. D., H. King, J. W. Love, and others.

Sunday, 10, A. M., Communion Services conducted by the President and Stated Clerk of Synod.

Sermon by Rev. Jac. F. Snyder.

Sunday, at 3 P. M. S. S. meeting, addresses by Elders Craig and Barnhart, and Revs. Jno. McConnell, and Theodore Appel, D. D.

Sunday, 6.30, P. M., Sermon, Rev. J. H. Prugh.

Altar Services, Rev. J. M. Evans and Rev. R. C. Bowling.

Lutheran Church, Sunday at 10 A. M., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.

Disciple Church, “ “ “ Rev. Jac. F. Wiant.

Levanville, at 3 P. M., and *Somerset*, at 7 P. M., Rev. Hiram King.

The Committee recommend that the morning Sessions of Synod be preceded by a devotional Service, consisting of two or three hymns and prayers, and a Scripture lesson.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. DEATRICK,
L. D. STECKEL,
J. S. WAGNER,
AARON WILL,
JOHN THOMPSON.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would report as follows :

Item 1, p. 12, refers to the apportionment of \$500 upon the Classes, in behalf of the Cumberland Mission.

Item 2, p. 34, instructs the Synodical Board of Missions to appoint one of its members to represent the interests of this Synod in the Tri-Synodic Board.

Item 3, p. 41, directs the Classes to appoint a special time for each pastor to lift a collection to meet the salaries of the Professors in the Theological Seminary.

Item 4, p. 51, a committee, of which Rev. J. M. Titzel is chairman, to prepare for publication a Tract on "The Duty and Advantages of Church Membership."

Item 5, p. 44, directs each pastor of this Synod to preach, at least, one sermon during the year, on the subject of Orphans, and take up a collection in behalf of St. Paul Orphan Home.

Item 6, p. 44, requests pastors and elders to call the attention of Sunday-schools to the Orphan's Friend, published in the interest of the Home.

Item 7, p. 51, recommends to such congregations as may find it practicable, to lift collections to enable the Board of Publication to make free contributions to weak and mission congregations.

Item 8, p. 56, refers to vacancies in Boards :

(a) Trustees of Synod, Elder Geo. Fritz's term expires.

(b) Directors of St. Paul Orphan Home, Revs. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds, and Peter Keil's term expires.

(c) Trustees of Literary Institutions, Revs. J. I. Swander, Jac. F. Snyder, and J. M. Titzel's term expires.

(d) Board of Ben. Education,—the term of Rev. H. F. Keener expires.

(e) Board of Missions, the term of Rev. C. U. Heilman expires.

Item 8, p. 58, the Publication of Minutes of Synod.

Item 10, p. 58, refers to the members of this Synod on the Peace Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. MCCONNELL,
W. C. B. SHULENBERGER,
J. W. PONTIOUS,
WM. R. BARNHART,
WM. GILLIS.

This report was considered by items with the following results :—

Item 1, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Items 2 and 10 attended to. *Items 6 and 7* adopted.

Item 3, tabled until the Committee on Minutes of Classes report, when it was called up and found attended to.

Item 4, the committee was continued, and Dr. J. H. Apple substituted for Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Item 5, the roll was called, and the following answers obtained: "Attended to" by all, except Revs. C. W. Good, Jos. B. Thompson, R. C. Bowling, J. W. Pontious, J. M. Souder, J. W. Knappenberger.

Item 8, referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 9. The Clerk reported as follows, which was adopted:—

The Clerk would report that the order of Synod was carried out at an expense of \$88.43 for printing, and for expressage and mailing, \$19.78. Respectfully submitted.

H. J. KEENER, *Clerk*.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes present the following report:

Requests.

Item 1, p. 12. Somerset Classis requests Synod to give it credit on its Synodical apportionment for \$250, Thank-offering, spent for missions within its own bounds.

Item 2. Somerset Classis requests Synod to ordain Licentiate, Saml. T. Wagner, to the Gospel ministry.

Subjects Referred.

Item 3. Westmoreland and Somerset Classes adopted the items referred to them by Synod, while St. Paul's Classis neglected to take action on the item directing her pastors to take a collection to make up the deficiency in the income of the Theological Seminary, and Allegheny and Clarion Classes declare that they do not see their way clear to adopt the same item.

Item 4. Allegheny Classis acquiesces in the action of Synod in regard to the Russell claim.

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 5. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. A. E. Truxal from Somerset Classis, and Rev. C. W. Good from Tiffin Classis; dismissed Rev. J. I. Swander to Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. M. Titzel to Mercersburg Classis, Licentiate R. C. Bowling to Clarion Classis, and dropped the name of Rev. L. B. Leasure from its roll of ministers.

Item 6. Clarion Classis received Licentiate R. C. Bowling from Westmoreland Classis and ordained him, and Rev. Jac. F. Wiant from Lancaster Classis, Synod of the U. S.

Item 7. Somerset Classis received Licentiate Wm. W. Deatrick from Mercersburg Classis and ordained him, and Licentiate Saml. T. Wagner from Zion Classis; dismissed Revs. A. E. Truxal and Wm. H. Bates to the Westmoreland Classis.

Item 8. Allegheny Classis received Licentiate J. H. Prugh from Miami Classis and ordained him; also Rev. H. King from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter to Lancaster Classis, Synod of U. S., and renewed letters of dismissal of Rev. J. Hannaberry to Philadelphia Classis; and of Caspar Scheel to the West Penna. German Classis.

Time and Place of Meeting.

Item 9. Westmoreland Classis will meet in annual Sessions in Pleasant Unity, Pa., May 31st, A. D., 1881, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. JOHN W. LOVE, President. Rev. JAC. F. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

Item 10. Clarion Classis will meet in the St. Thomas Church, Plum Creek Charge, June 9th, A. D., 1881, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. M. H. DIEFENDERFER, Prest. Rev. D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, S. C.

Item 11. St. Paul Classis will meet in annual Sessions in Jerusalem Church, Mercer Co., Pa., June 9th, A. D., 1881, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. F. B. HAHN, Prest. Rev. D. D. LEBERMAN, Stated Clerk.

Item 12. Somerset Classis will meet in annual Sessions at Berlin, Pa., June 8th, A. D., 1881, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. RUHL, Prest. Rev. H. F. KEENER, Stated Clerk.

Item 13. Allegheny Classis will meet in annual Sessions at Harmony, Pa., June 1st, A. D., 1881, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. W. F. LICHLITER, Prest. Rev. J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. KLINE,
J. W. ALSPACH,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
A. MOYER,
SIMON KAMERER.

The report was considered by items with the following results:

Item 1. The Treasurer was instructed to give credits for all moneys contributed in support of Missions, when receipts are sent to him from the parties receiving the moneys.

Item 2. The request was granted, and Lic. Saml. T. Wagner was ordained Oct. 14th, A. D. 1880.

All the other items were severally adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following report:

Item 1. Communications from Revs. F. R. Schwedes, D. D. Leberman, H. W. Hoffmeier, W. B. Sandoe, Geo. D. Gurley and J. Dotterer, asking to be excused for absence from the sessions of Synod.

Item 2. A Communication from Rev. Cyrus Cort, President of the Board of Missions of Iowa Classis, presenting the claims of Iowa Missions, and asking an appropriation of \$500.

Item 3. A Communication from Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Sect. of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, at the request of the German Synod, calling the attention of Synod to the importance of establishing an Emigrant Mission in the city of New York, requesting this Synod to consider this matter, and report their action to the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

• Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
J. S. WAGNER,
GEO. WALTERS,
DAVID L. SNYDER.

The report was considered by items with the following results :

Item 1. The Brethren were excused.

Item 2. Referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to appropriate \$500 for Iowa Missions.

Item 3. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report the following:

1. That Licentiate Saml. T. Wagner be ordained this evening, Oct. 14th.
2. That Rev. T. F. Stauffer preach the ordination sermon.
3. That the officers of Synod conduct the Liturgical services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MAY,
J. RUHL,
J. B. THOMPSON,
STEPHEN LAWALL,
W. E. WEIBLE.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

In the name of God, Amen.

Dear Brethren:—Time in its unceasing flow has brought us to the close of the present and the beginning of a new synodical year. We are to-day consequently one year nearer the final consummation of Redemption and bliss of the saints of God, and one year nearer the condemnation and everlasting ban-

ishment of the unbelieving and wicked, than when we last met to deliberate on the affairs of the kingdom of our Lord. And as we now stand on the last height of the dividing ridge between the past and the incoming year, it is well that our custom requires of us to make a brief halt and take a retrospective view of our doings and experiences of the past year. By reviewing our labors and accomplishments, our difficulties and hindrances, our successes and reverses, we may arrive at a measurably correct knowledge of the present religious and moral condition of our Church, and thus be the better able to labor to advantage and with success during the year upon which we are now entering.

The question which your Committee is expected to answer in this report is, —What is the state of Religion and Morals of the Reformed Church within the bounds of this Synod?

From the facts and statements presented in the classical reports referred to us, and from information gathered from other sources, we are enabled to submit the following for adoption:

We should be thankful to God that the ministers of this Synod were blessed with unusually good health and strength during the year, thus permitting them to labor unremittingly in the vineyard of the Lord. Their lives also were precious in the sight of our heavenly Father, only one soldier of the Cross, a father in Israel, having fallen since last we met in synodical convention. The same observation may also be made in reference to the membership of the Church. They have not been sorely visited during the year by any great sickness or many deaths; the death list reported in the statistics being considerably smaller than that of last year.

The gospel has been preached faithfully and agreeably to the standards of our Church; the children have been baptized; the youth have been instructed; an increased number of persons have been admitted to the full communion and fellowship of the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation; a comparatively larger number of members partook of the Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; the morals of the people must also, in the main, have been good, as no trials, no suspensions, and no excommunications have been reported; and there has also been an increase of liberality among the people, as considerably larger sums of money were contributed both for general benevolence and the local support and maintenance of the Church. The statistical table makes a more favorable showing in every particular than that of last year, indicating that the Lord has owned and blessed the labors and efforts of His ministerial servants.

There are a few items contained in the classical reports which deserve some special notice.

First, There has been a general awakening throughout the whole Church during the last several years, in regard to the Sunday-school cause, and the different classes of this Synod seem to be fully alive to the importance of this particular branch of Church work. Sunday-school conventions have been quite numerous in all parts of the Synod, in which the true nature, proper purpose and aim of this department of Christian activity, and kindred subjects were earnestly discussed and acted upon. And we have reason to believe, that the evils and errors in the system are gradually being exposed and eradicated, that the cause is being brought to rest on a true and safe foundation, and that the work is being much more efficiently done than formerly.

The number of Sunday-schools remains the same this year as last, but there has been an increase of seven hundred Sunday-school scholars.

Secondly, Mention is made of the peace which prevails among ministers and people throughout the bounds of this Synod. At our last meeting, we engaged in special prayer to the great Head of the Church, that He might give us the guidance of His Holy Spirit to lead us into the path of peace and harmony, and we also elected delegates to a Commission created by the General Synod,

which should make provision by which the strife and discord, which for many years had prevailed throughout the borders of our beloved Zion, might be brought to a successful and blessed close. The result of the efforts of the Peace Commission has been brought to the attention of this Synod, and is known to us all. One section of the Church had been but slightly affected by the general contention and alienation of brethren (though there were temporal dissensions here and there), and yet the healthful spirit of peace has had a benign influence also upon us as a Synod. Our ministers are permitted, by the present peaceful condition of the Church, to give their undivided attention and care more directly to the spiritual wants and needs of the flocks in their charge. The forces of the Church, instead of being arrayed against each other, now stand side by side, ready to make a general forward movement along the whole line.

Thirdly, As a result of the day of peace which has dawned upon us, increased interest has been taken throughout our Synod in the sacred cause of missions. Conventions have been held, societies have been organized, and sermons have been preached in the interest and for the furtherance of this cause, and money, too, has been flowing a little more freely into the Treasury of Missions. The section of the Church covered now by Pittsburgh Synod has always been imbued, to a greater or less extent, with a missionary spirit, and, comparatively speaking, has accomplished a great and commendable work. And we stand in the fore-front now. But we have not yet, by any means, come up to the full measure of our ability and duty. We can, if we will, accomplish much more than we have as yet at any time done. May the Lord inspire us with a greater love for the salvation of souls, and give us a spirit of larger liberality and more energetic work.

Fourthly, Complaint is made that a large number of our people do not receive the papers and periodicals of our Church. It is certainly to be regretted that so large a portion of our membership, including elders and deacons, do not read the literature of the Church as faithfully as they should and as might reasonably be expected of them, and as is *necessary* if they would discharge their Christian obligations and duties faithfully and well in their day and generation. However, since the last annual meetings of the Classes, earnest and thus far successful efforts are being made to introduce the Church papers more extensively among the people of our Synod. We look forward, hopefully, for better reports in regard to this matter by next year.

By way of general summary we say then, that viewing the religious and moral condition of our Church in the light of last year's report, we must pronounce it good. Progress has been made, evidently, in faith, piety, and good works. Again, looking at the portion of God's vineyard represented by this Synod, in the light of the religious and moral state of other Synods and other Churches by which we are surrounded, we must report its condition commendable and good. Our ministers are just as faithful keepers of the mysteries of God, just as sincere and earnest in the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and just as anxious for the salvation of the world, as those of other denominations. Our people, too, in general, are just as faithful in the discharge of their religious obligations according to their understanding, just as honest and upright in their intercourse with their fellow-men, and just as devoted and pure in their lives as those of sister Churches.

But when God's holy Word is held up before us as a mirror in which we may view ourselves and our works, we cannot make such a favorable report. For we do not find among us such an entire and full surrender to our God, as is required by the words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." Nor does such a spirit of unselfishness prevail as the words, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," demand. Nor is the following condition of discipleship, laid down by Jesus Himself, fully complied with: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Nor

have we arrived at such heavenly purity and divine perfection as is called for by the commands: "Be ye holy; be ye perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." The call comes to us, therefore, as forcibly as ever, to humble ourselves as it were, in dust and ashes, before Almighty God, in view of our many shortcomings and great unrighteousness, to beg earnestly for mercy and forgiveness, and to beseech Him for the gift of His Spirit and divine grace, that we may be cleansed from all inward unholiness, and be made able and willing to serve and worship Him more acceptably, to labor more effectually, and to pray more fervently.

As a Synod and Church we have taken our position firmly on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone. We are rooted and grounded in the faith of the Church of all ages, as this is expressed in the articles of the Apostles' Creed, and we follow as our safe guide in searching for the truth of God, the tried doctrines of the reformers as these are embodied in the Heidelberg Catechism; but what is urgently demanded of us now by the times in which we live, is, that we give ourselves to practical activity and earnest work. Enterprise and enthusiasm are now specially called for at our hands. Our people need to lay seriously to heart the apostle's injunction to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. Personal piety and holiness and earnest dedication of the believer to the service and worship of the Master are very much needed. And so, also, a more liberal and generous support of the Church in all her interests, a more active and zealous spirit and more lively work in the cause of missions, and more aggressive labors, in general, by ministers, elders and people, for the salvation of souls, are demanded. Will we answer the call of the day, and comply with the manifest demands of the times? The Lord help us so to do.

It becomes our sad duty now, yet to notice more fully the death of one of our number, the Rev. Henry Hoffman, of Clarion Classis. He had labored in the gospel ministry for a period of thirty-four years, serving during that time six different charges, returning in his old days to break the bread of life to the same people among whom, in youthful vigor and zeal, he had begun his ministerial labors, and among whom he now also laid down his shepherd's crook and ended his labors. He was present with us at our last meeting of Synod, apparently in health and strength, and was one of the number who led the Synod in prayer, earnestly giving thanks and praise to the Lord our God, for the day of peace which was now happily dawning upon our Reformed Zion. Within two months thereafter, he was called to the peace, joy and bliss of the Church triumphant. To-day we miss his mild countenance, his genial smile, his modest bearing, his gentle but earnest counsel, and the influence of his loving and peaceful character. We mourn his departure, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that those who sleep in Jesus are at rest and blessed forevermore, and will be brought forth again. May we who yet remain in the body walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, that we may enter, at death, into the peace and joy of those who have departed hence in the faith, and may the good Lord abide with us evermore, until both they and we shall have reached our common consummation of Redemption and bliss in the glorious Resurrection of the last day. And unto the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end, Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. TRUXAL.
T. F. STAUFFER,
R. C. BOWLING,
JNO. GLOTFELTY,
PETER JONSON.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

*Fathers and Brethren :—*We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. The reports contain in brief all the information that is necessary for us at this time to communicate. We cannot but express our gratitude to Almighty God, and congratulate the Church on the measure of success that has attended the missionary work, and the enlarged gifts of our people to benevolence during the year that has just closed. Our people have contributed, during this year, double the amount they gave to missions last year, namely, \$15,000. And whilst this is but a small amount as compared to our resources, it is still a decided advance. We should take courage from this fact, and press the work with still greater vigor in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Pres.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Sec.*

York, Oct. 9, 1880.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to the Synod of Pittsburg, and to the Synod of the Potomac.

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—It is with gratitude to God that the Superintendent of Missions presents this his annual report of the condition and prospects of the missions over which he, in connection with the Board, has had the oversight for the last three years. During the past year, this particular department of the life and activity of the Church has been more than usually blest by its great Head ; for which it becomes us to humble ourselves, and render thanks to the Father of lights, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 75. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 7. S. S. scholars, 95. Cost of property, about \$3,000. Reduction of the debt, \$700, of which \$380 was paid by the mother church at Easton. Benevolence, \$29.23. Local objects, \$800. Some 15 or 16 church papers are read. Under care of the Board, 4 years. Attendance improving. Appropriation last year by Classis, \$200 ; by the Board, \$150. As the appropriation to this mission is fixed by the coming Classis, the Board declines to specify any appropriation for the coming year. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Catasauqua.—Members, 136 ; last year, 90. Baptisms, 7. S. S. scholars, 160. Benevolence, \$34.05. Local objects, \$844. Under the care of the Board since 1873. During the past year, this mission succeeded in redeeming its church building, which had been sold during

the previous year by its creditors. It was secured for \$3075, which is less than half of its original cost. On making this purchase, the congregation paid \$475, so that the remaining indebtedness is only \$2600, which it is expected will be paid off gradually from year to year. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging; and pastor and people feel prompted to engage in the work committed to their hands with fresh courage and new faith. Appropriation last year, \$300. No appropriation made by the Board for the coming year for the reason assigned above. Pastor, J. J. Christ.

Christ Mission, East Allentown.—Members, 130; last year, 90. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 45. S. S. scholars, 180; last year, 157. Cost of property, \$1900; but worth much more. Reduction, about \$700. Benevolent and local objects, \$300. The Classis of Lehigh at its last meeting agreed to pay part of the remaining debt, amounting to \$600, in three yearly instalments of \$200 each, and the missionary agreed to relieve the Classis of the appropriation hitherto made. Attendance on divine service, good. The prospects of the mission are encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$300; for the present, \$100. Pastor, J. Fritzing.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 360; last year, 305. Baptisms, 53; last year, 40. Additions, 163; last year, 29. S. S. scholars, 325. Attendance good at both German and English services. Cost of property, \$22,000. Debt, \$9,750. Reduction of indebtedness, \$300. Benevolence, \$80. Local objects, \$2,500. 22 subscribers for the church papers. The pastor has been preaching at Birdsboro, and with the approbation of Classis has organized a congregation at that place with 53 members. By the action of the Board, he is to serve this new mission for the time being. The large debt resting on the mission at Reading is a burden, which it finds difficult to bear; but thus far it has been able to maintain its credit. It enjoys the sympathy and confidence of the other churches in the city, and has been receiving help from them all along. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, \$300. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—Members, 90. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 17. S. S. scholars, 70. Cost of property, \$5,000; but worth more at the present time. Indebtedness, \$2,400. Reduction, \$1,000. Benevolence, \$12. Local objects, \$400. Attendance, good. The congregation enjoys generally the good will of the surrounding community. The pastor, under the direction of the superintendent, has been performing some missionary work in the city of Philadelphia and vicinity; which it is hoped will be attended with good results in the future. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$275. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 111. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 282; last year, 220. Benevolence, \$72. Local objects, \$500. The cost of the church property, \$6,000; but it is worth more at the present time. A small debt was paid off during the year by the Ladies' Mite Society. The missionary society collected, during the present year, nearly twice as much as during the previous year. The church papers are read in the congregation, and the mission is making progress. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—After the Rev. F. Fox withdrew from this mission, it was served for a while by the superintendent. In Janu-

ary last, he secured the services of the Rev. John G. Fritchey, who consented to devote a part of his time in a generous effort to save the mission from disintegration. Thus far, his labors have been blest. He has gathered the members together, and inspired them with fresh courage and hope. With much patience, he has succeeded in collecting, mostly from generous individuals in Harrisburg, enough money to pay off pressing claims in the bank and elsewhere, and so he has restored the financial credit of the congregation. The reduction of the indebtedness thus far is \$420. A short time ago the lecture-room of the church was rented by the school authorities of Harrisburg for school purposes. The income from this source will be sufficient to pay the interest of the debt still remaining on the church building, which is about \$1,200. The original cost of it was about \$8,000. The Sunday-school has been revived, and now numbers about 30 scholars. Members, 55. Baptized, 3. Some emigrants from Europe are reported as having arrived, who are members of our church. Amount collected for local objects, \$125. It is proper to add, that Mr. Fritchey undertook this work without any promise of appropriation from the Board,—simply from a disinterested zeal and love to build up the church of his fathers. The appropriation in former years was \$300. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging, and with the blessing of God will be made self-sustaining at no very distant day. Appropriation for the coming year, \$75. Pastor, J. G. Fritchey.

Columbia.—Members, 165. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 27. S. S. scholars, 200. Debt of church property, \$1,600, which was reduced \$200 during the year. Benevolence, \$92.04. Local objects, \$950. A canvass of the congregation last spring resulted in the addition of 21 new subscribers for the "Messenger." There is a mite society and a "workers' association" in the congregation through which small contributions are made monthly. It is needless to say that this mission is doing well. Appropriation last year, \$150; this year, \$125. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkesbarre.—Members at Wilkesbarre, 287. At Nanticoke, where there is a newly organized church, 60. In all, 347. Baptisms in both congregations, 112. Additions, at Wilkesbarre, 52; at Nanticoke, 60; in all, 112. S. S. scholars, 225. Attendance, good. Not many church papers as yet. Cost of Church property, \$13,000. Reduction, about \$3,000, of which the Classis of East Susquehanna paid \$800. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$2,700. There is an effort in progress to provide for the remaining indebtedness on the church, which it is believed will be crowned with success. The missionary, after preaching for a while at Nanticoke, a town with a population of 3000 inhabitants, organized recently at that place a new congregation of 60 members. It is as yet without a church building. Another preaching point has been established at Plymouth, population 8000, midway between Wilkesbarre and Nanticoke, where twenty families—some belonging to the congregation at Wilkesbarre—during the year were organized into a church, and placed by Classis under the care of Rev. S. C. Meckel, who has thus far labored successfully, and with much self-denial, without missionary aid. This mission has been under the care of the Board since July, 1878; and promises to be self-supporting at no distant day. Its success thus far has gone beyond our expectations. Appropriation last year, \$400; this year, \$300. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—Two congregations. Members, 135. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 80. Benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$230. The church papers are taken to some extent. The missionary society is making gradual progress. Some improvement in the attendance. The last communion at Lock Haven was the largest in the history of the congregation. Cost of the church building, \$2,209; but it will be worth five or six times that amount when some improvements are made to it. Indebtedness, \$763. The mission enjoys the confidence of the community, and of its own members; and its prospects are much improved. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$300. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—These two missions have been served by the present pastor for more than a year and a half, and as the times have improved, they have made a corresponding progress. They still labor under some difficulty on account of their indebtedness; but these have been alleviated to some extent during the past year, and prospects are more encouraging than they were a year ago. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$550; this year, \$525. Pastor J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia.—Three congregations. Members, 109. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 12. S. S. scholars, 80. Attendance, generally good. Benevolence averaging 54 cents per member. Local objects, \$560. A mission society is to be organized this fall. The "Messenger" circulates in about one-half the families. Cost of church property, \$1,200. Indebtedness, \$200, but provided for. Reduction of the indebtedness during the year, \$250. Since last spring, the missionary has been preaching at Broadtop city, where there are a few members of our church, and where a congregation may be organized in the future. Under the Board, 4 yrs. This mission covers a large territory, and promises well for the future. Appropriation last year, \$150; this year, \$112. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford county.—Three congregations. Members, 155. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 13. Sunday-schools, 2. Attendance, good. Assessment of Classis, \$76, which will be paid. Church debt as yet unprovided for, \$170. Mission under the care of the Board 5 years. After the removal of the remaining debt—in a year or two—the mission will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, \$200. Pastor, W. A. Gring.

Duncannon.—Congregations, 3. Members, 125. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 5. S. S. scholars, 150. Value of church property, \$2,500. Debts, none. Benevolence, \$100. Local objects, \$530. Church periodicals circulated and appreciated. Attendance, good and devout. The outlook encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, \$225. Pastor, U. H. Heilman.

First Church, Allegheny City.—When we rendered our last report, this mission was beginning to show some signs of a new life; but unfortunately, the missionary, after laboring successfully for a few months, was called to take charge of another missionary field within the bounds of the Classis; and his withdrawal had a depressing effect upon the members. Last spring, the Rev. H. King was requested by the superintendent to supply it for a while. Twenty-one old members petitioned Classis to be organized into a new congregation, and the Council elected Mr.

King to labor as missionary for one year with an appropriation of \$600; the amount designated by the Pittsburgh Board of Missions. The missionary has been diligent in gathering in the old members, and he has been to a certain extent successful; but it will require years of hard work and much prayer and self-sacrifice to restore this mission to the position which it once occupied. It has been one of the most unfortunate of all our missions. Still it is not hopeless, having a small nucleus of faithful members, who are willing to labor and pray for the increase of Zion. They no longer own their chapel; but have the use of it for a small rental. As a field for missionary work, we regard Allegheny City as a very promising one. Appropriation \$600. Pastor, Hiram King.

Shenandoah City.—No statistics have been received from this mission. We presume they do not differ much from those given in last report. The pastor has been absent in Europe during a part of the summer. His place was filled by the Rev. James A. Schultz during his absence. Appropriation last year, \$300; for the coming year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Johnstown.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since July last. For the year previous, it was served by the Rev. W. H. Bates without an appropriation under the direction of the Superintendent. During the year, ground was purchased and a new chapel erected for the mission, in which it was assisted by the Westmoreland Classis and liberal citizens of Johnstown, the latter having given thus far over \$600. Its cost will be something over two thousand dollars, (\$2,000). It will be dedicated sometime in October, although it is used now for divine service. It is thought it will have little or no debt after it is dedicated. The number of members is between 50 and 60. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—This mission became vacant by the withdrawal of its efficient pastor, Rev. J. F. Wiant, on the 1st of April last, and was supplied by the Superintendent until the 1st of July, when the Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, at the request of the Board, took charge of it. The effort to erect a house of worship, referred to in our last report, was successful; and the new chapel was dedicated to the service of the triune God last winter. The ground on which it stands—valued at \$600—was the free gift of Mr. John C. Hager, a member of the Lutheran church; and its cost was \$2,200, on which there is still a small debt, most of which however is covered by subscriptions which will yet be paid. The erection of a chapel has placed this mission upon a permanent foundation; and its future success among the poor on the outskirts of the city seems to be now only a matter of time. Mr. Lichliter was kindly received by the mission and its friends in Lancaster, and although his work is attended with difficulties, he has the promise that if he cast his bread upon the waters, it shall be seen after many days. The Sunday-school, composed principally of the children of the poor, is in a prosperous condition. It numbers at present 130 scholars; 23 having been added within the last few months. Members, 37. Additions, 15. Baptisms, 13. Benevolence, \$10. For local objects, in addition to what was raised for the building of the church, several hundred dollars, the most of which came from the members of the other churches. The attendance during the summer has not been what might be desired; but it is believed that this will improve during

the winter. Appropriation last year, \$400; this year, \$300. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford county.—Congregations, 3. Members, 170. Baptisms, 16. S. S. scholars, 125. Attendance, good and improving. Cost of property, about \$900. The pastor has to live to some extent on his own private resources. Benevolence, \$25.54. Local objects, \$375. A few periodicals of the church are taken. During the year, a new congregation was organized at Dushore, out of members belonging to several congregations in the neighborhood—so-called Union churches. It is doing well. The pastor has a large catechetical class, which he is preparing for confirmation. He has also established services at Bernice, some 5 or 6 miles from Dushore, with a population of 1000, who are without any organized congregation; the prospects are good. The missionary has been in this field a little over one year. Appropriation last year, \$150; this year, \$150. Pastor, Phaon S. Kohler.

Latrobe.—Members, 70. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 9. Dismissions, 11. S. S. scholars, 55. Cost of the church property, \$7,200; debt \$1,800. No reduction. Missionary society and a good work society. The mission has been peaceful during the present pastorate, and the strife of former years in a measure has passed away. The pastor, G. D. Gurley, has recently withdrawn on account of his health; which is a matter of regret. He goes away with the kind wishes of the Board and of his congregation, with a hope that he will soon find a larger sphere of usefulness in some other part of the church. The congregation expects soon to secure another pastor; and the understanding is that he will devote a part of his time to preaching at some neighboring points. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, \$200. Vacant.

Trinity Church, York county.—Members, 50. Additions, 7. Baptisms, 9. S. S. scholars, 80. Cost of property, \$700. Amount collected for local purposes, \$276. The missionary preached regularly in Trinity chapel, in York—without an organized congregation. At Glen Rock there is a congregation which is hopeful; but it has no church building of its own. Owing to the difficulties in the congregation at New Freedom, the missionary was advised to cease preaching at this place last spring. He also ceased to preach at another point. When this mission was placed under the care of the Board, it was thought that it would not need any help, but the pastor has not received an adequate support; and its prospects are not as favorable as they were a year ago. Pastor, W. H. Xanders.

Sharon, Mercer county.—No statistics are given from this mission. The pastor resigned during the year, but continues to preach for the congregation until a suitable person can be secured to take his place. Its condition is the same as given in our last report. Appropriation last year, \$100. Vacant.

New Castle, Lawrence county.—This is a new mission. It was fostered by a committee of Allegheny Classis during the last fall and winter. By the request of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod, it was placed last spring under the care of the parent Board; and at the same time, the present missionary was commissioned to take charge of it. At the organization of the congregation in January last, there were 18 members, to which 23 have since been added. S. S. scholars, 44. The congregation has as yet no chapel, and is under the necessity of

worshipping in a public hall for the present. New Castle is a large and growing town, and the field is represented to us as an interesting and promising one for missionary labor. Appropriation, \$450. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Tionesta, Venango county.—At the request of Clarion Classis, and of the Pittsburgh Board, a new mission will be established at Tionesta as soon as a missionary can be secured, with an appropriation of \$250. It has been placed under the care of the Board.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—This mission became vacant sometime in February last by the withdrawal of Rev. C. G. Fisher, for reasons which were satisfactory to the Board. Since that time, two efforts were made to secure a pastor which were not successful. It is thought that the third effort, which is now being made, will be attended with better results. With the exception of preaching by the candidates and the Superintendent who visited the mission during the summer, it has been without divine service since the former missionary left. We found the congregation in a good condition; but suffering, to some extent, from the want of a regular pastor. We refer the Board to the statistics of last year, as, under the circumstances, we were not able to receive any complete returns. Appropriation last year, \$250. Vacant.

Mint Spring Mission, Augusta county.—This mission grew out of the Middle Brook mission, which became self-sustaining last year. The missionary reports, that a new church is in process of erection at Mint Spring, and that it is to be dedicated during the present month. Several acres of ground were secured, for which he and his brother made themselves responsible. After this congregation is established, it is expected to serve as a centre of missionary operations for other places, which the missionary has visited from time to time. He refers to Staunton and other places, where something could be done, if the Board would send a suitable person into the field. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$150; this year, \$150. Pastor, A. J. Whitmore.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent county.—Members, 92. Baptisms, 9. S. S. scholars, 80. Additions, 12. The debt, \$250, was canceled during the past year, which gives much joy to the mission. Benevolence, \$66. Of this, \$27 was contributed for a peace offering. Local objects, \$614. The mission is making encouraging progress. Under the care of the Board, 5 years. It has been active in encouraging the neighboring missions on the Eastern shore of Maryland both with its sympathy and its means. Appropriation last year, \$275; this year, \$250. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—Members, 150. Baptisms, 82. Additions, 16. S. S. scholars, 100. Cost of Church property, \$5,500; indebtedness, \$1,500. Benevolence, \$30. Local objects, \$700. The Church festivals are devoutly observed, and prove to be seasons of refreshing and revival from the presence of the Lord. Several families removed from the congregation; but their place is filled by a number of emigrants from Hessen and Lippe Detmold, who, on their arrival, immediately handed in the recommendations of their pastors in Germany to the pastors of the Re-

formed Church in North America. The missionary has preached at various points in the neighborhood, where he found members of our Church, who, however, can be better attended to by neighboring ministers. The papers of the Church are circulated in the congregation. The pastor has been in this field six years, during which time he confirmed 112 persons and baptized 82. The progress is slow but sure. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, \$200. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline County. Members, 69. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 8. Benevolence, \$624. Local objects, several hundred dollars. The corner-stone of the new church at Ridgely was laid last spring. For want of means the church has not been finished; but the congregation expect to complete it before the close of the present year, with probably little or no debt. Last April the missionary organized a new congregation in Queen Ann County. He is under the necessity of holding his services—once in four weeks—in private houses; but the members have subscribed in all \$200 for a new chapel; and expect to begin building it as soon as they can find a suitable location. In the month of August the missionary visited Talbot County and found in the vicinity of Easton some twelve or fifteen members of our Church from eastern Pennsylvania, who are engaged in building a Union church. He baptized their children, and expects to preach at this point regularly; to commence a catechetical class, and organize the members into a congregation. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$325. Pastor, Joseph Hannabery.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—On the withdrawal of Dr. Russell from this mission last October, it devolved on the Superintendent to take charge of it until a successor could be secured. He visited it from time to time, and called in ministerial brethren to assist him in filling the pulpit. This arrangement in the peculiar circumstances of the congregation was regarded as the best that could be made, and was very satisfactory to the members generally. It became evident, however, that it could not be continued long, and as soon as the way seemed to be open a missionary was secured to take charge of the field. He entered upon his duties about the beginning of July; and has served with acceptance to the congregation. During last spring a committee of Maryland Classis, who had the matter in charge, purchased ground for a new chapel in an eligible place—72 feet in front by 100 feet deep, at 45 cts. per square foot. The whole cost was \$3,240, on which \$810 were paid at the time of the purchase. The balance, \$2,430, as it falls due is to be paid in four semi-annual instalments; and is all provided for by assessment made by the different Synods. This gave the mission a new impulse. As soon as a chapel of moderate cost can be put up, the mission will be placed on a permanent basis. It deserves the prayers and sympathies of the whole Church. It is now very desirable that the amounts assessed on the different charges of the Church for this object should be paid without delay. Promptness in this direction will save the Church a great deal of money, as well as promote the growth and success of the mission. Appropriation, last year \$1200, this year, \$600. Pastor, Charles F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

New York City.—By authority of the Board, Rev. F. Fox, during last fall and winter, acted as agent mostly in the eastern part of Pennsylvania in collecting funds for missionary purposes on the Pacific coast, in

which he met with a reasonable degree of success. Instead of returning to California, as he had intended to do, he was induced to undertake the work of starting a new mission among the Germans in New York City; and our Board made a proposition to the Board of Missions of the Eastern German Synod to assist in making up an appropriation for his support, if they would agree to take the mission under their charge and contribute for its support. The proposition was agreed to, and Rev. Fox has been in the field since last April. He reports that his prospects are encouraging. The appropriation by this Board is \$200.

KANSAS.

Emporia.—As this mission required a person who could devote all his time to the work, the Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was secured to take charge of it; and he entered upon his duties on the 1st of November last. On the 1st of December, he organized a congregation of 31 members, to which a number have since been added. With the permission of the Board, the missionary visited his former congregations in Centre and other counties, for the purpose of collecting funds to pay for the new church at Emporia, as something immediately necessary for the success of the mission. In this, he was successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. In all he raised over one thousand dollars. The church, when finished, will cost about \$2,300. Of this amount, something over \$600 are still lacking, which will be provided for in some other way. The members of the church generally give as much as their limited means justify. Thus far, the pastor received only a small support from the congregation, with a small appropriation from the Board; and he has been under the necessity of exercising great self-denial. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$500.

The missionary has been preaching at a point some eighteen miles north of Emporia, where 25 members have agreed to be organized into a congregation this fall. When once organized, it will form a good nucleus for a new mission. As soon as a suitable locality is agreed on, an effort will be made for the erection of a church. There are other points in the neighborhood of Emporia, which will be visited as soon as time will permit.

In accordance with the directions of the Board, Mr. Shoemaker lately visited Stockton, in Rooks county, and other places in that section of the State. Here the people had suffered much from the failure of their crops for the last two years; yet the missionary found a number of members of the Reformed Church anxious to have a minister placed over them. He preached for them in their school-houses, and expects to visit them again.

In order to facilitate the exploration of the State and to establish missions where needed, Mr. Shoemaker, at a late meeting of the Board, was appointed superintendent of missions for the State. He will retain his connection with the congregation at Emporia, and is to have a young man as an assistant to take charge of his congregation during his absence, and to assist him in his work; for whom an appropriation is to be made by the Board. It is believed that this arrangement will be productive of good and permanent results. It is proper here to add, that the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio has also a number of missions of the State of Kansas, and that those established by our Board will not interfere in any way with those of the Ohio Board, but

tend rather to assist and strengthen them. Appropriations last year, \$300; the coming year, \$400. Pastor, J. G. Shoemaker.

CALIFORNIA.

Napa.—During the course of the past year, the Rev. J. H. Krueger, with the consent of the Board, withdrew from this mission, and sought another field of usefulness in the East. Several efforts have been made to secure a suitable person to take his place; but thus far without success. There are, however, some prospects, that the vacancy will be filled at no distant day. The mission, since it lost its pastor, has been under the supervision and care of the Classis of San Francisco. Appropriation last year, \$200.

Alameda.—This mission, in the neighborhood of San Francisco, has been without a pastor for a part of the year just closed. The missionary, who was placed over it more than a year ago, was not deemed a suitable person for the field, and the Classis, under a sense of duty, and with a feeling of deep regret, found it necessary to request him to withdraw before the end of the year. The mission has been cherished by the Classis and cared for, as far as possible, by the pastor of the church at San Francisco, the Rev. Julius Fuendeling. The Board decided to send another missionary to labor at Alameda and San Francisco as soon as a suitable person can be found, with an appropriation of \$250.

OREGON.

Portland.—Members, 110. Baptisms, 11. S. S. scholars, 60. Cost of property, \$7,200; but its value is much greater; local objects, \$800. A debt has been incurred for improvement in the church and on the street of \$365. A goodly number of church papers is taken. A missionary society is soon to be organized. The mission is making encouraging progress, and its pastor expects to declare it self-supporting by the end of the coming year. It has been under the care of the Board six years, and the sixth anniversary of its existence was celebrated in the month of September amidst general rejoicing. The pastor suffers opposition and even persecution from without; but he is sustained by his people, and the work of the Lord continues to go on. Portland has a population of 21,000 inhabitants. Six years ago it had 12,000; at no distant day it will be the great city of the North Pacific coast, like Philadelphia or Baltimore in the East.

The missionary at Portland has been preaching at various other points in the State; at Cornelius, where there is a congregation of eighteen members; at Sandy, where twelve members are waiting to be organized into a church, and at Sandy Ridge, and at other points. In this kind of work he has been assisted by Rev. Lange of the mission at Canby. It is plain that at least one or more missionaries should be sent into this field as soon as possible; and for this purpose the Board made an appropriation of \$150. Appropriation last year, \$300; for the coming year, \$200. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Two congregations; one at Salem, the other at Waldo Hills. The one at Salem is still under the necessity of worshipping in a hall, which is a serious drawback to the growth and progress of the congregation. The Board regrets exceedingly that it has not been in a condition to give it any help in its efforts to supply itself with a suitable house of worship. It is earnestly hoped that a church building fund may soon be created for the purpose of giving help to this and other strug-

gling missions in erecting chapels or churches. The Waldo Hills congregation has succeeded in putting up a small church, in which, although not yet quite finished, it has been worshipping. The cost of the church thus far is between \$500 and \$600. No debt has been contracted. The missionary has been preaching occasionally at other points; but much of his time has been occupied in collecting the funds to pay for the new church. Thus he has been prevented from making explorations in the regions beyond; such exploration is very desirable, and would be productive of good results. Membership, 45. The missionary reports that his little flock maintain their courage, and are faithful in attendance at the worship of the sanctuary. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, the same. Pastor, J. Muehlhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas County.—One congregation, German. Members, 27. Baptisms, 5. Addition, 6. S. S. scholars, 27. A church has been put up at Meridian during the past year, costing, thus far, \$350. It has some debt resting upon it. The Board appropriated \$100 to assist in its erection, for which both the pastor and members express their warmest gratitude, for the help thus extended to them in their time of need. The church is not yet finished, and as the members are poor, they have a strong claim upon the brethren for further help. It is hoped that benevolent persons in the Church may extend to this mission a friendly hand, and do something to assist it in building its humble sanctuary, which is to it as precious as the most stately church is to those more highly favored. The missionary travels far and wide, over a large extent of territory. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla.—No report from this mission. The missionary was urged by Classis to transfer his labors to the promising fields in Oregon; but he has not seen his way clear to withdraw from his present field, hoping that he will yet overcome the difficulties in his way, and succeed in building up a Reformed church at Walla Walla. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer.

Ursinus Union.—In accordance with the instruction of the Synod of the United States last year, we embody the report of the missionary operations of the Ursinus Union, a copy of which accompanies this report.

The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer, reports, that the amount of funds, under the direction of Ursinus Union, received since the last meeting of the old Synod, is \$988.52. A part of this was sent to the treasury of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio, and the balance appropriated to different missionary points in the east.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions.....	38
Members	3,408
Additions during the year.....	655
Baptisms during the year.....	480
Sunday-School scholars.....	3,309
Amount col. for benev. during the year.....	\$958
For local objects.....	\$21,478

Value of church property is somewhat greater than last year ; and the indebtedness is somewhat smaller.

MISSIONARY PAPER.

The matter of publishing a missionary paper has been considered from time to time by the Board, and the necessity of such help for the spread of missionary intelligence, for the awakening of a missionary spirit, and for the increase of liberality in the Church, has been sensibly felt for a long time. The way, however, did not seem open for such an undertaking until the present year. Three numbers of the paper have already appeared. It is published monthly. Price of subscription, 50 cents per year. It is conducted by the Superintendent of missions, without any additional expense to the Board. Its title is "Reformed Missionary Herald." All its articles are intended to have a bearing on the cause of missions. Thus far it has been well received. The prospects at present are, that it will cover expenses and leave a balance of profit, which is to be devoted to missions. If it comes to be well patronized in our churches, its margin of profit will be considerable.

NEW FIELDS.

Hitherto, for want of necessary means, the Board has not been able to occupy many of the new and interesting fields, which have presented themselves as worthy of our attention. But we believe, that the time has arrived when the benevolence and increasing liberality of the Church will justify us in going forward and enlarging the sphere of our missionary operations. The Board accordingly, at its late meeting, agreed to appropriate \$1,000 during the coming year for the location of new missions in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, as soon as suitable locations are decided on, and proper men can be secured to fill them. As already said, two or more missionaries are to be sent to the Pacific Coast, as soon as Providence points out to us the men that are adapted for this kind of work. It is further believed, that flourishing missions may be established in a number of our large cities, such as Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and other places, also at various points in the Southern States. The spirit of missions is beginning to grow and increase in the Classis of North Carolina, and its destitute places call loudly for our assistance. May God grant that, as a Church, we may not be deaf to the many calls of our children, who cry to us for the bread of life !

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the treasurer's report, it will be seen, that the contributions of the churches for the support of our missions during the past year have been somewhere between \$15,000 and \$16,000. The indebtedness for moneys borrowed in former years to carry forward the operations of the Board, something over \$1,200, is all paid off ; and the amount due missionaries for salary is smaller, considerably, than it has been at the end of previous years. On the first of October, this amount was \$2,000, with about \$1,000 in the treasury. For the coming year the Board will need \$15,000, in order to meet the current expenses ; for which we suggest that the different Synods concerned be requested to take measures for raising the following sums :

The Synod of the United States.....	\$ 8,500
The Synod of the Potomac.....	\$ 3,750
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	\$ 2,750
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In concluding this report, we must congratulate the reverend Synods on the measure of prosperity which has crowned our missionary labors during the past year. Missionary societies have sprung up in all directions. Missionary festivals have been held with good effect; and our ministers have preached with more than usual earnestness on the subject of missions. The contributions are double in amount of what was reported last year; and in considerable excess of what has been given during any previous year of our history as a Church. From the summary already given, it will also appear, that the number of members in our missions, baptisms, additions, Sunday-school scholars, and the amounts given for benevolent and local objects are also in excess of what was reported during previous years; so that whilst our churches have increased their gifts, the blessing of God has also, at the same time, rested upon the labors of our missionaries. For all this, we have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who has visited His plantation, and given us the precious rains of His grace.

Many things have conspired in bringing about these results; the chief of which, no doubt, is the peace sentiment which is coming to prevail more and more in our churches. This had much to do in swelling our contributions to the amount which has been reported, by promoting the peace offerings. What is required of us in these circumstances seems to be plain and simple; and that is, that we should just continue in the course upon which the Chief Shepherd has brought us. Having led us thus far, He will continue to lead us still further, and enable us to achieve still greater results for His own glory. We should be vigilant, more so in the future than in the past, lest our work, which now has made such an auspicious beginning, should be marred during the coming year, and suffer from a relapse into the errors and mistakes of the past. To avoid everything of the nature of a reaction, the conscience of the Church should be kept alive. Our preaching should be more earnest, with a constant bearing on the spread of the kingdom of God. Earnest prayer should also be offered up continually; and at stated times, also, that, whilst we are planting and watering, God may give us a still more plentiful increase; and to His great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be all the honor and glory, as it was in the beginning, as it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In submitting my annual Report, it affords me sincere gratification to state, that the finances of the Board are in a much more favorable condition than they were last year. Nearly every section of the Church seems to have awakened from the culpable lethargy which formerly prevailed, and responded, with commendable liberality, to the appeals made for means to carry on the great work of Missions.

By comparing the present with my last year's Report, it will be seen

that the total contributions amount to nearly double what they were the previous year :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$413.94	
" Tobickon.....	552.96	
" Goshenhoppen.....	1,164.40	
" East Pennsylvania.....	1,016.50	
" Lebanon.....	1,060.10	
" Lancaster.....	970.78	
" East Susquehanna.....	332.28	
" West Susquehanna.....	736.71	
Total from the Synod of the United States.....		\$6,247.67

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion.....	\$1,031.33	
" Maryland.....	1,578.85	
" Mercersburg.....	1,543.78	
" Virginia.....	305.45	
" San Francisco.....	50.00	
" North Carolina	3.25	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac.....		\$4,512.66

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Saint Paul.	\$ 36.39	
" Somerset.....	40.00	
From Treasurer of Synod.....	2,705.00	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh.....		\$2,781.39

Miscellaneous Sources.

Collected by Rev. F. Fox for Missions on Pacific Coast...	\$526.76	
Interest on Loans and Legacies.....	150.00	
Collection at Synod of Lebanon.....	22.29	
Received of Dr. J. H. Good, Assessment of General Synod on Synod of Ohio, to pay indebtedness to Geo. Gelbach, Esq., who donated the same to the Board	175.00	
From sundry sources, loans (since paid), etc.....	667.88	
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 2, 1879.....	128.11	
		\$1,670.04
Total from all sources.....		\$15,211.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during year.....	\$14,015.06	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	232.84	
Balance in the Treasury.....	963.86	
		\$15,211.76

In addition to the above-named contributions, I received from sundry sources during the year, the sum of \$319.40 for the erection of a chapel in Washington City, D. C.

The total amount of Peace-offerings during the year, included in the foregoing statement, was \$1,358.54. The net amount contributed by the Church during the synodical year for Missions and Washington City Chapel is \$14,444.05.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 11, 1880.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully report, that they have attended to said duty and find a balance of nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty-six cents in the Treasurer's hands at this date, October 11, 1880.

W. H. H. SNYDER.
D. W. GROSS.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows :

The following documents came into our hands, viz. :

The Report of the Superintendent of Missions,—the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board,—and two communications from the same source.

We hail with devout joy the signs of awakening in this direction throughout the whole Church. From the reports placed in our hands and from other sources, we learn that we have during the year just closed, accomplished double what we did during the same time before. We owe, and we hereby give our most heartfelt thanks to God that He has so led us by His Spirit, that we have settled into ways of the "Prince of Peace," and thus by larger deeds of love and benevolence have shown ourselves more worthy of our high and holy calling.

May we, however, not be content with our past achievements, and seek to live upon the *remembrance* of past good deeds. But may past success be simply for us an unmistakable evidence of the guiding presence of our once crucified but now exalted Lord, and thus stimulate us to renewed and still more vigorous efforts.

Your Committee recommend the following enactments :

1. *Resolved*, That Saturday evening session be devoted to a Missionary meeting, that a collection be taken up for Home Missions, and that Rev. S. Z. Beam be appointed to make all the necessary arrangements, and to preside at the meeting.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod be instructed not to pay missionaries in our bounds unless he shall first have received an order from the Tri-Synodic Board, provided the order be not delayed beyond one month after the quarter is due.

3. *Resolved*, That we concur in the desirability of an Emigrant mission in the city of New York, and that if the Board of Missions of the General Synod should establish one, we promise our hearty support.

4. *Resolved*, That the claims of the Washington Mission are commended to the benevolence of our pastors and people, and that all moneys for this purpose be sent through the Treasurer of Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That Revs. J. H. Prugh, F. A. Edmonds and the Consistory of Grace Church, be and are hereby appointed a Committee to look after the interests of the Reformed Church in Allegheny, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. STECKEL,
JAC. F. WIAINT,
F. B. HAHN,
JOS. REMALEY,
J. C. BARNHART.

• ARTICLE XIV.
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren : The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to present their Annual Report :

The Board met twice during the year, and transacted the usual routine business. We have no suggestions to make requiring the action of Synod.

The Treasurer's Report will exhibit the financial status of the institution, which, we are glad to say, is somewhat improved since our last report, owing to the receipt of a donation of \$5,000, for the endowment fund, from an anonymous source. The Board is ready to receive more anonymous letters of the same kind. This donation came to us already invested, and bearing interest from January 1st, 1880.

It is our sad duty to announce to your reverend body the death of Elder William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., who was, for a long time, a member of this Board. At its last meeting the Board adopted the following paper in reference to this loss to the Church :

"Since our last meeting, one of our members has been called from his labors in this life to enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Brother William A. Wilt died at his home, in York, Pa., on Sunday morning, September 5th, 1880. His life and labors in the Church bear witness to his earnestness and zeal, as a follower of Jesus Christ, and we are glad to add our testimony to his faithfulness as a member of this Board. He has joined the company of the redeemed of all ages, and we give thanks for the good example he has left behind him, to encourage those of us who follow after, in the way of life. He manifested his interest in the institution we represent by a liberal bequest to its endowment fund, thus verifying his faith by his works."

We earnestly pray that these two examples of liberality, the one in the spirit of not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth, and the other like the parting blessing of a dying saint, may stir up many others in the Church to go and do likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *Pres't.*
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treas.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec'y.*

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 7th, 1880.

II. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

JOHN^{B.} ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

1879.		DR.	
Oct. 29.	For Int. received on Loan.....	\$	2 08
" 30.	" from A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1879.....		101 45
" 30.	" " E. M. Killough to Nov. 1, 1879.....		75 00
Nov. 3.	" " Jacob Heyser to Oct. 1, 1879.....		120 00
" 10.	" " F.W. Vandersloot, in full.....		142 00
Dec. 8.	" " Kieffer Legacy to Oct. 6, 1879.....		285 00
" 8.	" " Cook " Oct. 6, 1879.....		21 62
" 27.	" " Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1879.....		6 00
" 30.	" " H. Stamm, Treasurer.....		5 67
1880.			
Jan. 24.	" on Loan.....		2 15
" 30.	" " Loan.....		1 10
Feb. 2.	" " Bond of E. Susq. Classis to Jan., 1880.....		60 00
" 7.	" " Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1880.....		105 00
" 9.	" " G. W. Houseworth to Feb. 3, 1880.....		45 00
" 13.	" on account Geo. Sarbaugh.....		110 00
March 1.	" of Jno. Becker to Feb. 28, 1880.....		240 00
" 24.	" " Geo. Houseworth to April 1, 1880.....		14 25
" 30.	" " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1880.....		307 26
" 30.	" on Loan.....		3 00
April 5.	" " Geo. Besore Bond to Jan. 1, 1880.....		30 00
" 7.	" " Horst Mortgage to April 1, 1880.....		116 04
" 20.	" " Jacob Heyser to April 1, 1880.....		120 00
" 23.	" " Kieffer Legacy to April 1, 1880.....		285 00
" 23.	" " Cook " April 1, 1880.....		36 00
" 29.	" " E. M. Killough to May 1, 1880.....		75 00
April 29.	" of J. B. Roth to April 1, 1880.....		330 00
May 11.	" " Rev. W. A. Haas, interest account W. S. C.....		3 98
" 18.	" " A. M. Steacy to June 13, 1880.....		48 00
June 16.	" on Gift of \$5000, to July 1, 1880.....		150 00
" 21.	" " Bond of Mercersburg Classis July 1, 1880.....		60 00
July 15.	For dividend Harrisburg B. Co. Stock.....		5 35
" 22.	For int. on account of Geo. Sarbaugh.....		100 00
" 26.	" " Sale of Mansdale Cong. Danville charge.....		15 16
" 26.	" " Bond Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1880.....		30 00
Aug. 4.	" " Geo. Schroyer to Aug. 8, 1880.....		105 00
" 5.	" of W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1880.....		30 00
" 6.	" " Rev. N. S. Strassburger Lehigh Classis int.....		15 00
" 17.	" " W. L. Harbaugh to August 13, 1880.....		36 00
" 21.	" on account of Geo. Sarbaugh.....		70 00
" 28.	" of John Becker to date.....		240 00
Sept. 4.	" " Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1880.....		6 00
" 4.	" " A. M. Eyerman to Aug. 10, 1881.....		6 00
" 9.	" on account of Rev. Haas Trea., W. Susq. Classis...		5 07
" 27.	" " Geo. Houseworth to Oct. 1, 1880.....		45 00
Oct. 1.	" " Building Fund to date.....		581 04
" 7.	" " " ".....		177 19
" 7.	" " East Penn. Classis to Oct. 1, 1880.....		15 00
" 11.	" " Amount balance due Treasurer.....		655 09

\$6 037 50

1879.		CR.	
Oct. 20.	By Bal. due Treasurer to date.....	\$995 59	
Nov. 6.	By amt. paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account.....	100 00	
" 6.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account.....	100 00	
" 6.	" F. A. Gast on account.....	100 00	
Dec. 3.	" Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on account.....	200 00	
" 3.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account.....	200 00	
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., on account.....	200 00	
" 18.	By Troyer's Bill and Ck. Book.....	2 50	
1880.			
Jan. 2.	By Jos. R. Goodell's Coal Bill of 1878.....	67 80	
" 2.	" Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	100 00	
" 12.	" Jno. L. Arnold, on Repairs.....	7 15	
" 22.	" M. V. B. Coho Coal Bill of 1879.....	42 00	
" 16.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	150 00	
" 16.	" T. G. Apple, on account.....	100 00	
" 16.	" F. A. Gast, on account.....	100 00	
" 16.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer, F. & M. Co.....	50 00	
March 3.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	100 00	
" 3.	" T. G. Apple, on account.....	100 00	
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, on account.....	100 00	
" 19.	" Repairs at E. V. Gerhart's House.....	.75	
" 29.	" $\frac{1}{3}$ of Steinman & Hensel's Bill of Catalogue.....	17 34	
April 5.	" paid for Kindling-wood.....	1 00	
" 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00	
" 6.	" T. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00	
" 6.	" F. A. Gast, on account.....	100 00	
" 20.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co.....	50 00	
" 21.	" Receipt Book for Treasurer.....	1 25	
" 30.	" E. V. Gerhart, Salary in full to April 1, 1880.....	175 00	
" 30.	" Thos. G. Apple, Salary in full to April 1, 1880.....	125 00	
April 30.	" F. A. Gast Salary to April 1, 1880.....	100 00	
May 31.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00	
" 31.	" Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00	
" 31.	" F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00	
June 29.	" E. V. Gerhart to July 1, 1880.....	175 00	
" 29.	" Thos. G. Apple to July 1, 1880.....	175 00	
" 29.	" F. A. Gast, to July 1, 1880.....	50 00	
July 2.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co.....	50 00	
" 10.	" O. Hecht's Bill repairs.....	9 00	
" 16.	" Deepening Well at Dr. Apple's.....	29 43	
" 23.	" Painting Bill.....	7 17	
Aug. 2.	" Thos. G. Apple on Salary.....	200 00	
" 2.	" E. V. Gerhart, on Salary.....	200 00	
" 2.	" F. A. Gast, on Salary.....	150 00	
Sept. 17.	" E. V. Gerhart, on Salary.....	100 00	
" 20.	" Coho and Wiley's Bill.....	6 52	
" 20.	" E. V. Gerhart Salary to Oct. 1, 1880.....	75 00	
" 20.	" Thos. G. Apple, Salary to Oct. 1, 1880.....	175 00	
" 20.	" F. A. Gast, Salary to Oct. 1, 1880.....	100 00	
" 20.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co.....	50 00	
Oct. 7.	" Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer Salary to Oct. 1, 1880.....	100 00	

 \$6 037 50

Oct. 11, 1880. Amt. due Treasurer.....\$1 655 09

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 7, 1880.

 GEO. W. HENSEL.
 EDW. J. ZAHM.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
LIBRARY FUND.

1879.	DR.		
		Amount of Principal is.....	\$2069 96
October 20.	For Bal. due per act. rendered.....		\$84 65
" 30.	" Int. of A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1879.....		24 59
1880.			
Feb. 28.	" Int. of P. Fisher to April 1, 1880.....		60 00
March 30.	" Int. of E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1880		15 00
April 7.	" Int. of A. B. Wingerd to April 1, 1880.....		24 59
			<u>\$208 83</u>

1879.	CR.		
Dec. 11.	By Bill paid F. W. Christern.....	\$4 25	
" 11.	" A. H. Roffe & Co.....	3 00	
1880.			
Jan. 6.	By Bill paid I. M. Stoddart.....	6 00	
Feb. 9.	" S. H. Zahm & Co.....	7 55	
April 19.	" " ".....	7 15	
May 18.	" " ".....	16 30	
June 18.	" " ".....	9 15	
Aug. 3.	" W. H. Roy.....	4 40	
" 25.	" I. M. Stoddart.....	6 00	
Oct. 1.	" Bal. in hands Treas.....	145 03	
			<u>\$208 83</u>

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* SMALTZ FUND.

1879.	DR.		
		Amount of Principal.....	\$5000 00
Oct. 20.	To Bal. due per account rendered.....		\$55 00
1880.			
April 13.	To Int. Philip Frank to April 1, 1880.....		150 00
Oct. 1.	" " " Oct. 1, 1880.....		150 00
			<u>\$355 00</u>

1879.	CR.		
Nov. 4.	By amt. paid A. F. Dreisbach.....	\$25 00	
1880.			
Jan. 14.	By amt. paid A. F. Dreisbach.	15 00	
" 14.	" T. A. Fenstermaker.....	15 00	
April 13.	" Frank Wetzel.....	25 00	
" 13.	" T. A. Fenstermaker.....	35 00	
" 14.	" A. F. Dreisbach.....	56 61	
Oct. 1.	" Bal. in hands of Treasurer.....	183 39	
			<u>\$355 00</u>

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* BUILDING FUND.

1879.	DR.		
Oct. 20.	Amount reported to Board.....	\$12,296 05	
1880.			
May 7.	Received on account of James T. Reber's Note.....	100 00	
			<u>\$12,396 05</u>
Oct. 1, 1880.	Amount of Fund is.....		

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1879.

DR.

Oct. 20. Amount reported to Board\$1718 30
 Interest on this fund credited to the Contingent Fund account
 of Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* ENDOWMENT FUND.

1879.

DR.

Oct. 20. Amount reported to Board.....\$64,508 59
 Nov. 10. " received of executor of Rev. F. W. Vandersloot
 deceased—Note..... 100 00
 1880.
 April 21. Amount Gift to Fund by 5,000 00
 July 26. " cash received in full of Rev. F. K. Levan, money
 paid him in 1877 by the Mansdale congregation
 of the Danville charge, for use of Theological
 Seminary, and retained until now..... 60 22
 \$69,668 81

The interest received on the Vandersloot Note,
 and F. K. Levan's payment, is credited in
 contingent fund account.

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL.
 EDW. J. ZAHM.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 7th, 1880.

III. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, TO THE
 SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Reverend Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following as their Annual Report:

The Seminary was opened on the first Thursday of September, 1879, and continued in session throughout the year, except two weeks during the Christmas recess.

The following persons were admitted, as members of Junior class, at the beginning of the year, six in number:

Andrew T. G. Apple, Wilson B. Donat, James R. Lewis, Jacob J. Rothrock, E. Ranson Deatrack, Christian W. Summey. Two of these are graduates of Mercersburg College; three of Franklin and Marshall College, and one was admitted to the privilege of a partial course.

The following persons, seven in number, having finished the course of study prescribed by the Board, and having sustained their final examination creditably, were dismissed and recommended for licensure:

Thomas M. Balliet, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzel, Wm. J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag, Oliver H. Strunck, and Franklin Wetzel. With one exception, they have all entered upon the active duties of the Holy Ministry.

At the request of the faculty, the study of the Chaldee language was made binding on all the students of the Seminary who pursue a regular course; as, without a knowledge of that language, they are not in a condition to read a portion of the Old Testament in the original.

The Board for several years past have been considering the necessity of a more extended use of the German language in the instructions of the Seminary; and at the last annual meeting of the Board, the faculty were instructed to draw up some plan by which this object may be secured, and to report next year. We understand that this has already been attended to; and that two of the professors hold weekly recitations from German text books, and that one of them conducts his recitations in that language.

During the progress of the year nothing special has occurred that needs to be noticed in this general report. The conduct of the students has been good, and the faculty reports that what has been said of their general character in the previous year might again be repeated. The examinations at the close of the year, which were somewhat diversified this year, were regarded as satisfactory; showing that the professors and students have been diligent in the discharge of their duties.

The Seminary is prosperous, and through legacies and gifts, increasing its usefulness. It will still need the prayers and pecuniary help of the Church, in order that it may become more and more a perennial source of blessings to the Church, and the kingdom of God at large.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y of the Board.*

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

The Committee on Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following report:

The documents referred to the committee are—The Report of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, and the Treasurer's Report of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. These Reports are herewith submitted for publication in the Minutes of Synod.

In view of what appears in these papers, we propose the following action:

Resolved, 1st. That we are highly gratified with the intelligence of the improved financial condition and otherwise continued prosperity and progress of this important institution.

Resolved, 2d. That we approve of the introduction of the study of the Chaldee language, and the more extended use of the German language in the curriculum of the Seminary.

Resolved, 3d. That we continue to support and cherish with all the means at hand this first-born child of the Reformed Church in this country—this most venerable mother of the Reformed Ministry.

Resolved, 4th. That we heartily concur in the prayer with which the Board of Trustees close their present annual report, viz: "We earnestly pray that these two examples of liberality"—(referred to in their report)—"the one in the spirit of not letting your left hand know what your right hand doeth, and the other like the parting blessing of a dying saint, may stir up many others in the Church to go and do likewise."

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
M. H. DIEFENDERFER,
C. U. HEILMAN,
J. M. FENNEL,
WM. HAUGER.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Report of the Trustees of Greensburg Female Seminary.

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would respectfully offer the Report of the Principal of Greensburg Seminary, as containing all matter of interest and recommendations, which we deem necessary for your information and action, with one addition given here:

Resolved, That with a view to reduce the number of members of the Board to six instead of nine, we from this time elect only two members of this Board instead of three annually, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,
President.

*Fifth Annual Report of the Principal of Greensburg Seminary,
October 13th, 1880.*

The work of education has been carried forward in the several departments of the institution, in the past year, with the usual degree of energy and faithfulness. No pains have been spared by the faculty to make the institution all that could be desired by those seeking an education. The attendance of pupils was larger than in former years. The Male department has been well sustained, and promises much in the future. A large proportion of the pupils in attendance are studying the classics and other branches of the regular course, and are preparing to enter College. Among these are several most worthy and excellent young men, who have the ministry of the Gospel in view. In this respect the institution has the prospect of accomplishing some good for the Church, and should be encouraged. During the year a *Normal Department* was opened, and provision was made by the institution for a special course of instruction during the Spring Term, to meet the wants of those desiring to prepare for teaching. About twenty-five pupils of this class were in attendance at the Normal session, and received special instruction for their work. By thus making provision for a special course for this class of pupils, it is not intended to interfere with the "main object" of the institution, namely, that of a "Higher and Liberal" education in a more general sense. The course of study in the Regular Department has not been changed, but is carried forward through the whole year. The standard of education has not been lowered, but is based upon the "old academic curriculum," and aims to realize the idea of a complete education in the wider sense. Exigencies, however, may arise in the history of institutions, and in the progress of the times, when a rigid adherence to old systems and established policies would prove fatal to the work of education, and the prosperity of the institutions themselves. Institutions, must, therefore, accommodate themselves to the wants of the times and their own needs. Provision must be made to meet these outward demands, if anything is to be done for the cause of education.

Greensburg Seminary, in accommodating herself to the outward pressure of circumstances, has only "accepted the situation" as a "present necessity," and has not lost sight of the "original design," but has thereby enlarged her sphere of operations and usefulness. The Seminary proper, is still carried forward with as much efficiency as ever. The course of instruction has not been relaxed, but is full and complete in all the departments. The advantages it affords to young ladies are *superior*.

The male department has in no way detracted from the interest and efficiency of the Seminary. The regular classes of the Seminary are not

interrupted, but are carried through the established course to graduation. A very respectable standard of scholarship has been attained by the young ladies, who have taken the full course prescribed by the Institution. Special interest is also manifested by many of the pupils in Music and the Art Studies. The progress in this department has been especially gratifying and satisfactory. The number in attendance in the Seminary department has not been so large as in former years. This is owing mainly to the fact that the scholarships held by many have expired. The whole number of pupils, however, in all the departments is larger than formerly. With this enlarged scope and operation of the institution as now carried forward, an increase of labor and expense has necessarily been incurred. The income of the institution has thus far, by rigid economy, been sufficient to meet current expenses. But more than this is needed to put the institution on a permanent basis financially. In the establishment of the institution, a great financial sacrifice had to be made by the Principal, which has left it with a debt. To relieve the institution from this burden, more than current expenses is necessary. The proper remedy will be to increase the number of pupils, that the income may be sufficient, not only to meet current expenses, but also to liquidate the debt. The institution has a right to look to Pittsburgh Synod for such action as will bring about the much-needed result. The support and patronage of the Church has not been such as it should be. The advantages afforded by the institution have thus, to a great extent, been lost to the Church, and the institution is made to suffer for want of proper support. I therefore recommend to the Board of Trustees, the propriety of selling at least sixty scholarships, running for a period of *four years*, including all the branches taught in the regular course, and that Synod be asked to authorize and sanction the appointment of an Agent to canvass the bounds of the Church for this purpose. I respectfully submit this suggestion to the consideration of the Board, and await the favorable action of Synod,

Very respectfully submitted,

LUCIAN CORT, *Principal.*

ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

Report of the Board of Directors, for the year ending May 31, 1880.

The Home, under the efficient management of the Superintendent, is in good condition. It is favorably recognized by the State authorities. The Committee of Inspection of the Board of Public Charities of the State, in their late report, say, that they found the Home "to be in excellent condition. The building and property generally have been very much improved within the past few years, and with like proper management will no doubt prove a lasting benefit to a great number of poor children."

The room occupied by the School being too small and the space much needed for other purposes, we erected a new frame house, apart from the main building, at a cost of seven hundred dollars, exclusive of work by the inmates of the Home, and the donation of some material. The house is two story, 35 by 20 feet. The upper floor is occupied by the School. The lower, is devoted to recitation, wash, bath, bake and storage rooms.

The *Orphans' Friend* is not only a source of considerable revenue to the Home, but also increases the means of work for some of the larger boys, a thing so necessary in the efficient training of the young in the way they should go. It should, therefore, have a much larger circulation.

Another industrial department is the repairing of the children's shoes. This gives work; provides the means of making a fair beginning in learning a good trade; and is a saving, to the Home, of a goodly sum of money.

The Farm consists of thirty-one acres, and is in an excellent state of cultivation, yielding an income, the past year, of about seven hundred and fifty dol-

lars. It has all the farming implements and live stock needed for its best interests.

The extension of the main wing is, in part, a wooden building, in a dilapidated and decayed condition, and, therefore, a very dangerous tinder-box. Should a fire break out in it, it would, no doubt, involve the destruction of the entire building. The Board earnestly hopes that the Church will at once furnish the necessary funds to enable it to remove this dangerous wing, and erect a new one in its place.

The House has received a small bequest of two hundred and seventy-five dollars,—the first one in its history. This amount has been invested as a nucleus, looking forward to an endowment fund—a thing of absolute necessity, if the Home is to live after the receipts from the State for the maintenance of Soldiers' orphans shall have ceased.

The receipts for the year, from all sources, were \$3,952.14, and the total expenditures, \$4,137.57.

The physical, mental and religious care and training of the children is good in all respects.

Want of room, the lack of means to properly feed and clothe, compels the Board to turn away from the doors of this, otherwise, excellent asylum for helpless childhood, many wholly destitute and suffering little ones. Oh, how sad! How long shall this be so?

• With gratitude to God for His goodness in the past, and the earnest prayer for His blessing in the future, we enter upon another year of the loving labor of feeding His lambs.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McCONNELL,

President of the Board.

The time of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod:—Revs. J. F. Snyder, H. F. Keener, F. A. Edmonds, and Peter Keil.

It is desirable that the members of the Board should reside as near the Home as may be found convenient, in order to enable them the more readily to discharge the duties of their office, without the large expenditures involved, when they have so far to go to reach the Home.

JOHN McCONNELL, *President.*

Report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Your Committee offers the following as their Report:

Three documents have been referred to your Committee, viz.: The Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions; the Report of the Board of St. Paul's Orphan Home; and a copy of the *Orphans' Friend*. We recommend the following action:

1st. *Resolved*, That from this time forward, Synod elect annually but two members of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Synod approves of the recommendation to the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions to appoint an agent to sell sixty or more scholarships, running for a period of four years, including all the branches taught in the regular course in Greensburg Female Seminary.

3d. *Resolved*, That the third page of the cover of the published Minutes of Synod be devoted to an advertisement of Greensburg Seminary.

4th. *Resolved*, That we renewedly commend St. Paul's Orphan Home, and that each pastor of this Synod put forth such efforts as in his judgment he may deem best so that the wants of the orphans may be fully met.

Although no official reports were received from the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, Pa., under the care of Clarion Classis; and the Harmony

Collegiate Institute at Harmony, Pa., we learn that they are in successful operation, and recommend the following action in their behalf, viz.:

Resolved, That the Clarion Collegiate Institute, and the Harmony Collegiate Institute be commended to the confidence and support of the members of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. PENNEPACKER,
W. H. BATES,
J. M. SOUDERS,
JACOB J. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. WERNER.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Board as adopted.

The Sunday-School Board would submit the following report:

The Board had two meetings during the year. It prepared the following programme, and had it published in the *Messenger*.

Programme.

1. The origin and necessity of the Sunday-school work?

Rev. Jos. H. Apple, D. D., and Rev. S. R. Bridenbadgh.

2. What are the essentials to success in the S. School work, and how are they attained?

The Rev. D. B. Lady and Rev. Jac. F. Wiant

3. Qualifications, Preparations and Helps necessary to successful Teaching?

Rev. Jno. M. Evans and R. C. Bowling.

4. Is the S. School a substitute for parental instruction and Training, and for public services?

Revs. F. A. Edmonds and J. F. Snyder.

The Board recommend that Friday evening be devoted to this cause, and asks Synod to change its rule requiring two sessions to be set apart for the S. School interest. The opening addresses to be limited to fifteen minutes, and all others to five minutes.

The Board ordered 175 copies of the Programme to be printed, and asks Synod to pay the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN,
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,
JNO. MCCONNELL,
T. F. STAUFFER,
L. D. STECKEL.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The Board of Beneficiary Education has carried forward its operations during the past year with reasonable success and efficiency, and we are happy to report that the cause has been well sustained by the congregations of the Synod.

Five students have been under our care and support during the year, and two others have been recently received; and several applications for aid now await the decision of the Board.

In accordance with the action of the last Synod, the Board has reduced the appropriations, so that each beneficiary now receives but \$125.00 per annum. Some of the Classes now continue to receive the grade circulars of scholarship of beneficiaries within their bounds. Since all the Classes have entrusted this work to the care of your Board, we would respectfully request that they direct such students to send their grade circulars to this Board.

Our receipts during the year have been \$1,100.00, and the expenditures \$877.00, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$273.00.

To carry forward the work during the present Synodical year, we ask an appropriation of \$1,000.00.

We also call your attention to the fact that the term of Rev. H. F. Keener now expires, and ask you to fill the vacancy by an election.

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
Pres. of Board of Ben. Education.

Centreville, Pa., October 13th, 1880.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee on Education would report that the only paper claiming their attention is the Report of the Board of Education, the several items of which have been adopted by Synod. Your Committee has nothing further to offer.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. EDMONDS,
C. W. GOOD,
GEO. A. WHITMORE,
ANTHONY GETZ,
BENJ. SIDLEY.

Adopted.

The attention of the Classes was called to that part of the Report of the Board relating to the Circulars of Students.

The vacancy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of the Board.

*Annual Report of the Board of Publication from August 1st, 1879,
to July 31st, 1880.*

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following report:

The Board has had three meetings during the year, and at each of them given earnest attention to the interests entrusted to their care. It affords them great pleasure to be able to report a decided improvement in the affairs of the Board, especially as compared with its operations during the previous year. In all the departments, there has been an increase in the receipts of the Board, and in the case of some of the periodicals, it has been very decided. None of the latter also have fallen off in the number of subscribers, whilst in the case of some of them, the increase over all discontinuances is quite encouraging. The excess of additions over discontinuances in each case is as follows: Messenger, 1167; Guardian, 337; Review, 35; Child's Treasury, monthly, 384, Semi-monthly, 506; Sunshine, 1,253, and Lesson Papers, 462.

In the Book department there has been a slight improvement, and this might be made decidedly more so in the future, were proper encouragement extended to it generally by the Church. Funds are needed to get out new works, which would add materially to the interest and efficiency of the workings of this department, and it is to be hoped, some friends of means in the Church may be induced to make liberal contributions for this purpose, as is done in other Churches. In many instances members of the Church, also, purchase their books for Sunday-schools and other Church purposes, elsewhere, under the mistaken notion, that they thus obtain them at a less cost. Such, however, are the arrangements of the Board with other houses, that their books are furnished to it at such rates as to enable the Board to sell them to others at the same prices, as they can be purchased by them directly from these houses themselves, and at the same time afford a small profit to the Board. Should the mistaken notion to which we refer be corrected, and the patronage of the Church given to the Board in preference to other houses, it would greatly add to the efficiency and success of the Book department. And may it not be hoped that the desired change will take place? The number of copies of books, &c., printed for this department during the year, is 34,500.

The usual committee, to whom is assigned the special duty of taking an account of stock and investigating the financial condition of the establishment, was appointed. They attended to their duty, and reported, that "they find the stock in the store in good condition, having less unsaleable goods than last year. The price of some books they reduced, and advanced none, which they think leaves the stock worth its present valuation. The financial condition they found quite satisfactory, a detailed account of which is furnished in the Superintendent's report to the Board." This report presents the following footing up for the year:

Receipts from all sources,	.	.	.	.	\$34,106 84
Disbursements,	.	.	.	.	33,132 06
Excess of Receipts,	.	.	.	.	<u>\$974 78</u>
<i>Assets</i> , reported face value,	.	.	.	\$58,943 26	
Deduction by committee	.	.	.	12,723 27	
Value of assets as estimated	.	.	.	\$46,219 99	
Add real estate	.	.	.	35,000 00	
Carried over				\$81,219 99	

Amount of assets brought over . . .	\$81,219 99
<i>Liabilities</i> : General . . .	\$34,599 75
Mortgage . . .	20,000 00
	<hr/> 54,599 75
Excess of assets	<hr/> <u>\$26,620 24</u>

In consequence of severe family afflictions and overwork, the Superintendent was taken seriously ill in February last, so that at one stage of his illness his physician considered his life in danger. The Board felt, it was necessary, that he should be relieved from some of his labors. Hence at its meeting in April last, it associated with him, as Assistant Superintendent, the Rev. Charles G. Fisher, who had been summoned to his father's side during his illness. This arrangement was effected without adding anything to the expenses of the Board, and there is every reason to believe, that it will work decidedly to its interests. Under the special direction of his physician, the Superintendent found it necessary to be absent from his post, for a short season, at intervals, during the past Summer. His place, however, during such absence was supplied at his own expense, so that his temporary absence was of no serious disadvantage to the Board.

The Board has endeavored in all things to move forward with the utmost economy, and to persevere in its special efforts to collect its outstanding dues. At its last meeting, it instructed its Superintendent to notify all persons owing for two years or more, for books and periodicals, to settle their accounts, and if said accounts are not attended to within sixty days after such notice is given, to place them in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

The Board congratulates the Church on the successful efforts of its General Agent, Mr. H. K. Binkley, in securing subscribers to the "Messenger." It is hoped he may be equally successful in the future, and to this end, the Board solicits for him the earnest and hearty co-operation of the brethren of the Church, whose charges he may visit from time to time, in the prosecution of his labors.

The Board has instructed the Superintendent to discontinue the issue of the single sheet "Messenger" after the close of the present year. It also deemed it expedient, after a careful revision of the whole subject, not to discontinue the publication of the Semi-monthly Child's Treasury, as proposed in its last annual report. It has likewise instructed the Superintendent of the Book Department to reduce the price of the Order of Worship, Hymn-books, and several other works published by the Board, the present prices of which will be given to the public through another channel.

At the first meeting of the Board after the last annual sessions of the Synods, it reduced the salaries of the several persons in its employ, effecting thus a considerable deduction in the amount of its current expenses, whilst all possible economy has been also observed in every other direction.

The term of service of Geo. W. Hensel, one of the Trustees from the Synod of the United States, will expire on the 1st of January, 1881. Hence it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy that will thus occur in the Board, at its present annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12th, 1880.

H. K. Binkley presented the claims of the *Messenger* at length.

Report of Committee as adopted.

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report, that the following papers have been referred to them:

1. The annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year beginning August 1st, 1879, and ending August 31st, 1880.

2. A detailed Statement of the Business and Condition of the Board of Publication, from August 1st, 1879, to August 1st, 1880.

The Committee have carefully examined these papers, and are pleased to learn, that the establishment is in a prosperous condition. The Detailed Statement of Business shows an improved condition of affairs in all the departments, as compared with former years. The economic measures introduced by the Board have greatly reduced the current expenses for the year. The prosperous condition of affairs indicate a wise and efficient management of the establishment, both by the Board and Superintendent. We are much gratified to learn that the subscription list of the *Messenger* has been very largely increased through the persevering and self-denying efforts of the Board Agent, Elder H. K. Binkley. The Report contains no overtures requiring any action by this Synod.

The Committee, therefore, has no recommendation to make, except to urge upon Synod to sustain the Board by a hearty co-operation with them in all their efforts to improve the Publication interests of the Church.

The Committee herewith submit the annual report, and detailed statement of the business and condition of the operation of the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIAN CORT,
J. RUHL,
F. B. HAHN,
W. R. BARNHART,
SIMON KAMERER.

The Clerk was ordered to publish 2000 copies of the Synodical Minutes, and distribute as usual.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Treasurer with great pleasure presents herewith his report of the receipts and disbursements of moneys during the past year. The increase of receipts is cause for gratitude to the Giver of all good, and is also an evidence that there was good work done by all the Pastors in the bounds of the Synod.

The total amount received less the balance on hand at date of last report, and also less the special repayment of Beneficiary aid is \$4924.36, and is \$2740 more than total amount apportioned at last meeting. Clarion Classis exceeds its apportionment, including old arrearage, \$104 25. Westmoreland pays in full and \$1.64 over. Allegheny Classis, alone, falls largely behind.

All our Missionaries with one exception, (and he failed to notify your Treasurer of the amount due him), are paid in full to 1st inst. Iowa missions re-

ceived \$280. Tri-Synodic Board, \$316.90. These sums are in addition to paying all missionaries within the bounds of the Synod. During the last half of the year several missions were added to the list, and the payments during the coming year will be much heavier than formerly; and as very little may be expected to be received before the beginning of the year, I would recommend that, in order that all our missionaries may be promptly paid, the balance in hand be retained for that purpose.

During the year your Treasurer received through the Treasurer of St. Paul's Classis, C. M. Bonsch, Esq., the sum of \$425, paid him by J. N. Apple, for Beneficiary Education, \$413.45, being the amount received by him as Beneficiary student, with a contribution of \$11.65. Would recommend that this \$425 be placed at interest, as the beginning of a fund, the interest only to be applied to current expenses of Beneficiary Education. Several of the contributions paid to your Treasurer were designated as Peace offerings by the Charges contributing. These I have no doubt will be so credited by the Classical Treasurers, and published in the church papers as such, and as my report is already very lengthy I have omitted to detail them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer.*

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer. In account with Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.*

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 13, Cash by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treas.....	\$ 22 02	
Dec. 9, " and receipt, " " " \$50. and \$23.80..	73 80	
1880.		
Jan. 2, Cash, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treas.....	100 00	
" 20, Receipt of Rev. H. F. K. Exp., by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treas.....	19 78	
" 27, Receipt S. S, Berlin, for Iowa Miss., by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treas.....	50 00	
Feb. 6, Receipt, " "	40 00	
" 12, Receipt of Rev. H. F. K., by Rev. A. E. Truxal, Treas	50 00	
May 28, Cash of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Treas. " "	150 00	
July 5, " " " " " "	285 14	
" 28, Receipt & Cash, \$16.50 and \$83.50 " "	100 00	
Sep. 9, Receipt of Rev. C. U. Heilman.....	9 80	
" 25, Cash of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Treas.....	100 00	
Oct. 15, Cash " "	285 00	
		1285 54

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1879.		
Nov. 11, Cash of Rev. J. W. Love, Treas.....	\$ 75 00	
1880.		
Mar. 5, " " " " "	70 00	
Apr. 1, " " " " "	100 00	
" 10, " " " " "	100 00	
May 8, " " " " "	100 00	
" 18, " " " " "	40 00	
" 27, " " " " "	201 64	
July 2, " " " " "	100 00	
" 30, " " " " "	100 00	
Aug. 19, " " " " "	130 00	
Oct. 7, " " " " "	185 00	
		1201 64

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

1879.					
May 18,	Cash of T. J. Craig, Treas.....	\$	99	15	
Sep. 28,	" " " "		200	00	
					299 15

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

1879.					
Oct. 13,	Receipt from C. M. Bousch, Esq., Treas.....	\$	31	00	
" 30,	Cash " " " "		91	36	
1880.					
May 31,	Cash & Receipt, " " "		298	64	
Aug. 28,	Cash " " "		107	80	
Sep. 4,	" " "		71	22	
" 16,	" " "		100	39	
Oct. 9,	Cash & Receipt, " " "		116	60	
Apr. 6,	" gift of J. Nevin Apple, B. E.....		11	65	
					828 56

CLARION CLASSIS.

1879.					
Dec. 9,	Cash from Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treas.....	\$	120	83	
1880.					
Feb. 6,	" " " " "		106	81	
Mar. 26,	" " " " "		68	99	
Apr. 28,	" " " " "		136	05	
May 25,	" " " " "		42	43	
" 28,	" " " " "		60	00	
Jun. 28,	" " " " "		440	00	
" " Receipt of R. C. Bowling, " "			34	70	
Sep. 9,	Cash " " " "		311	21	
					1321 02

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1880.					
Apr. 6,	Received from C. M. Bousch, Esq., cash from John Nevin Apple, returned by him the amount received from said fund.....	\$	413	45	
	and \$11 65 over, to be considered as a gift to B. E. fund.....		11	65	
					425 00

MISSIONS.

1879.				Cr.	
Oct. 13,	Receipt of W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas.....	\$	27	00	
Dec. 9,	" " " "		23	80	
"	Check " " " for Iowa.....		100	00	
1880.					
Jan. 7,	Cash to F. R. Schwedes, Missionary		62	50	
" 8,	" Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Missionary.....		137	50	
" 15,	" Rev. G. D. Gurley, "		50	00	
Feb. 5,	" " D. S. Fouse, Treas., (Iowa).		50	00	
Mar. 9,	" " R. C. Bowling, Missionary		50	00	
Apr. 8,	" " J. W. Knappenberger, "		187	50	
" 15,	" " J. R. Schwedes, "		62	50	
" 24,	" " G. D. Gurley, "		50	00	
May 25,	" " D. S. Fouse, Treas., (Iowa).....		100	00	

Carried forward..... \$850 80

Brought forward...	\$850 80
May 27, Cash to F. P. Hartmetz, Missionary.....	30 00
Jun. 28, " " R. C. Bowling, "	34 70
July 1, " " J. W. Knappenberger, "	137 50
" " " F. R. Schwedes, "	62 50
" " " G. D. Gurley, "	50 00
24, " W. H. Seibert, Treas. T. S. B.....	200 00
" Receipt " " " "	16 50
Aug. 20, Cash to Rev. D. P. Lefevre, (Iowa).....	30 00
" 28, " " F. R. Schwedes, Missionary.....	62 50
Sept. 6, " " W. H. Bates.....	250 00
" 28, " " D. S. Fouse, Treas., (Iowa).....	100 00
" 29, " " J. M. Souders, Missionary.....	225 00
" " " G. D. Gurley, "	70 00
" " " J. W. Knappenberger, "	137 00
Oct. 4, " W. H. Seibert, Treas. for Washington.....	25 00
" 9, " " Receipt.....	24 60
	<hr/> 2306 60

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1879.				
Dec. 13,	Cash to Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treas.....	\$300 00		
1880.				
Apr. 6,	" " " "	300 00		
Jun. 2,	" " " "	125 00		
Oct. 8,	" " " "	275 00		
		<hr/> 1000 00		

SUMMARY.

Total from Westmoreland Classis.....	\$1201 64
" " Clarion "	1321 02
" " Somerset "	1000 54
" " St. Paul's "	828 56
" " Allegheny "	299 15
" Beneficiary Education.....	413 45
Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct., 1879.....	452 63
	<hr/> \$5516 99
Total Expenditures.....	4100 28
	<hr/> \$1416 61
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	285 00
Paid in since.....	<hr/> \$1701 61
Balance at date.....	<hr/> <hr/>

SYNODICAL EXPENSES.

1879.			
Oct. 13,	Committee Expenses, Clerk order	\$ 4 40	
1880.			
Jan.	Mailing Minutes.....	19 78	
Feb. 5,	Salary of Stated Clerk.....	50 00	
Mar. 13,	Printing Minutes.....	88 43	
Apr. 6,	Printing Programmes.....	2 65	
May 27,	Expenses of Rev. J. I. Swander, attending meetings of Board.....	1 64	
Oct. 9,	Expenses of Pittsburgh Synod's Board, two meetings	26 78	
		<hr/> \$193 68	

SUNDRIES.

Sept. 9.	Cash, Cumberland Church Property.....	\$500 00
" 28.	" Rev. G. B. Russell claim.....	100 00

SUMMARY.

Missions.....	2306 60
Beneficiary Education.....	1000 00
Synodical expense.....	193 68
Cumberland Miss. Property.....	500 00
Russell claim.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$4100 28

THOS. J. CRAIG,
Treas. Pittsburgh Synod.

Report of Committee on Finance as adopted.

Your Committee report as follows :

The amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows : —

\$1000.00 for Beneficiary Education; \$500 for Cumberland Mission; \$2750 for Home Missions; \$500 for Missions in Iowa Classis, together with the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was audited and found correct.

The following apportionments are made upon the Classes for the ensuing year:

Westmoreland Classis,	\$1300.00
Clarion Classis,	1150.00
St. Paul "	800 00
Somerset "	1100.00
Allegheny "	650.00

Arrearages.

Westmoreland Classis—overpaid,	\$ 1.64
Clarion " "	104.25
Somerset " " . . . . .	.54
St. Paul " —in arrears,	10.73
Allegheny " "	642.85

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM KING,
J. W. LOVE,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
S. C. REMSBERG,
AARON HILL.

The Treasurer was authorized to invest the \$425 as proposed by him.

Russell Claim.

On this subject the following resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, this Synod agreed to give Dr. G. B. Russell one thousand dollars for alleged prospective profits lost in discontinuing the publication of the " Reformed Era," in order that we might unite with the Synod of the U. S., and the Synod of the Potomac in support of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and

Whereas, this agreement was entered into after a long and bitter contention, with a view to reconcile Dr. Russell to Synod's action in consummating the arrangement above referred to; and

Whereas, it was felt almost immediately after the agreement, that the Synod made a serious mistake in promising so large an amount for losses never sustained, and for which no equivalent was received ; and

Whereas, a large part of the Church has not been willing to contribute towards meeting the obligations given by the Synod, and hence a large part of them have not been paid. Therefore,

Resolved, That with a view to settle this unpleasant matter finally, we hereby tender Rev. Dr. Russell three hundred dollars, to be in full of the unpaid balance of his claim against this Synod, and in case he accepts this offer, the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby directed to pay the said amount within thirty days.

Contingent Fund.

Elder S. C. Remsberg was appointed a committee to collect a fee of 25 cents from each member of Synod for Contingent expenses. The committee in due time reported, having attended to the duty, and collected \$18.00. The report was adopted, and the committee ordered to pay the incidental expenses of Synod, and hand the remainder to the pastor *loci*.

ARTICLE XX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted, and the Election made the Order of the Day for Monday morning, immediately after the opening of the Session. At the appointed time, the election was entered upon. Revs. T. R. Deitz and J. M. Souder were appointed Tellers. The Election resulted as follows:—*Trustee of Synod*, Elder S. C. Remsberg; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs Jno. Dotterer, F. A. Edmonds, and Elders, W. R. Barnhart and Peter Keil; *Trustees of Lit. Institutions*, Revs. D. B. Lady, L. D. Steckel; *Board of Education*, Rev. H. F. Keener; *Board of Missions*, Rev. C. U. Heilman; *Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary*, Revs. J. H. Apple, D. D., A. E. Truxal; *Sunday S. Board*, Revs. C. U. Heilman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Jno. McConnell, F. B. Hahn, J. S. Wagner.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder S. C. Remsberg; *four years*, Elder C. M. Bousch; *three years*, Elder Jno. Troxel; *two years*, Rev. W. H. Bates; *one year*, Rev. J. W. Alspach.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Revs. J. Dotterer, F. A. Edmonds; Elders W.

R. Barnhart, Peter Keil; *three years*, Revs. J. W. Alspach, M. H. Diefenderfer, J. M. Evans, Elder Eli George; *two years*, Rev. J. W. Pontious, Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, jr., A. Moyer; *one year*, Revs. Jno. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. D. B. Lady, L. D. Steckel; *two years*, Rev. J. W. Love, Elders H. L. Baer, Jno. Troxel; *one year*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, Elder T. J. Craig.

Board of Ben. Education.

Five years, Rev. H. F. Keener; *four years*, Elder Jacob Hershey; *three years*, Rev. J. W. Love; *two years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; *one year*, Rev. L. Cort.

Synodical Board of Missions.

Four years, Rev. C. U. Heilman; *three years*, Rev. S. Z. Beam; *two years*, Revs. L. D. Steckel, F. Pilgram, D. S. Dieffenbacher, *one year*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jos. H. Apple, D. D., Elders W. E. Schmertz, T. J. Craig.

Board of Visitors to Seminary.

Revs. A. E. Truxal, Jos. H. Apple, D. D.

Sunday S. Board.

Revs. C. U. Heilman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Jno. McConnell, F. B. Hahn, J. S. Wagner.

Board of Publication.

Elder B. Wolff, jr., Rev. J. W. Love.

Synodical Editor.

Rev. C. U. Heilman.

ARTICLE XXI.

GOVERNMENT.

Standing Rule on Credentials.

Resolved, That hereafter the Credentials of the delegate Elders shall be sent to the Stated Clerk, at least *ten days* before the annual meeting of Synod, to enable him to make out the Roll before the Synod assemblies.

Statistics.

The Columns for the number of English and German Minutes of Synod in our Statistical tables, were abolished.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Temperance.

Resolved, That it is the earnest conviction of this Synod, that the habitual and excessive use of intoxicating beverages is inconsistent with Christian character, and that no church-member should engage in the traffic, or encourage others to do so, by signing petitions for license.

Pastors were ordered to read this resolution to their congregations.

Reporters.

Rev. C. U. Heilman was appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the "Messenger" and the Somerset Papers,—Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, for the Pittsburgh Papers, and Rev. C. W. Good, for the "Christian World."

Elders' Meeting.

The following provision was made for a meeting of the delegate Elders on Saturday, P. M.:

Resolved, That the Elders of the Synod be requested to hold a meeting, tomorrow afternoon, at one o'clock, with Elder S. C. Remsburg in the chair, to discuss, among themselves, the following subjects:—

1. What is the best mode of raising the Pastor's Salary and general benevolence? Opened by the chairman and Elder Aaron Will.

2. What are the particular works for the Eldership to accomplish? Elders W. R. Barnhart and A. Moyer.

General discussion to follow on each subject after the opening speeches. The meeting to be opened and closed with divine services, and their conclusions to be reported to the Synod.

Report of the Elders' Meeting as adopted.

At a meeting of the Elders pursuant to the action of Synod, after a free and full discussion of the topics, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Elders, that the best plan of raising the pastor's salary and general benevolence, is the weekly or monthly plan, the member or contributor paying in whenever he attends services.

Resolved, That we recommend the division of the territory of each congregation, into as many districts as there are Elders, and that an Elder be assigned

to each district, and that he shall visit each family in this district, at least once a year, and also in case of sickness. This shall not be any hindrance to his visiting any or all the families in the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. REMSBERG, *Chairman.*

T. J. Craig, *Sec'y.*

Liturgy and Hymnal.

After a prolonged discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we would hail with joy the preparation of a Liturgy and Hymnal, one or both, that would suit the wants of the whole Church, and that, if it be practicable for the General Synod to agree upon such books of worship, we of this Synod would cheerfully yield our present preferences, to join in their adoption and use.

Leave of Absence.

Revs. J. M. Evans, F. Pilgram, and Elder Minnis Foust were appointed a Committee through whom requests for leave of absence were to come before the Synod. This Committee reported from time to time, and persons were excused as noted under the head of Members Present, with the exception of the following persons, who were excused after Monday's A. M. Session,—Revs. Geo. A. Whitmore, B. Knepper, J. Ruhl, S. R. Bridenbaugh, and Elders Anthony Getz, Wm. Hauger, Geo. Werner, Jno. Glotfelty, Jno. Suder.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks Voted.

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Synod acknowledges with pleasure the superb hospitality with which the members of Synod have been received and entertained by the members of the St. John's congregation, and others at Centreville, and that we hereby express our gratitude to our kind entertainers for the attention shown us.

Resolved, That this resolution be read from the pulpits, and published in the Somerset papers.

Resolved, That the thanks of Pittsburgh Synod are hereby tendered to the authorities of the B. and O., The Allegheny Valley, and the Erie and Pittsburgh R. Roads, for the reduced fare to the members of Synod.

The Roll was called, and none found absent without excuse.

The Record was read and approved at every morning Session, and the Record of Monday's Session was read and approved before adjournment.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 3 o'clock, P. M., October 18th, 1880, to meet in general Convention in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., October 5th, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the Creed and Lord's Prayer in unison, the Doxology and Apostolic Benediction.

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *President.*

H. F. KEENER,
Stated Clerk.

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H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Baptisms			Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants	Dismissed.	Excom. NAMES.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	Uncon- firmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.									Benev. Purp.	Con- g. Purp.	
Jacob F. Snyder,	2 Emmanuel,	25	339	223	24	3	31	21	331	3	0	2	160	0	\$239 40	\$1050 70	Manor Dale, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
John W. Love,	3 Second, Greensburg,	25	289	267	20	7	24	9	268	12	4	2	173	0	260 00	1283 00	Greensburg,
David B. Lady,	2 Brush Creek,	25	550	432	45	0	13	17	510	9	0	3	250	2	235 00	1100 00	Manor Station,
John McConnell,	2 Salina,	25	103	78	5	1	3	6	102	0	10	2	104	0	51 83	241 17	Salina,
Samuel Z. Beam,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	25	228	132	2	0	7	12	161	2	11	4	230	1	291 00	1411 00	Mt. Pleasant,
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,	2 First, Greensburg,	25	450	400	45	3	40	20	440	10	2	2	250	0	260 50	2200 00	Greensburg,
George D. Gurley,	1 Latrobe,	25	65	60	5	0	4	0	68	11	4	1	60	0	50 00	370 00	Latrobe,
Benjamin B. Ferar,	3 Pleasant Unity.	25	315	235	12	3	23	16	275	6	12	3	200	0	265 00	765 00	Pleasant Unity,
John Dotterer,	1 Pine Run,	25	129	80	7	1	18	6	116	0	2	1	142	0	84 30	553 47	Merwin,
Albert E. Truxal,	1 Irwin,	25	200	165	8	0	10	37	160	3	7	1	100	0	55 00	575 00	Irwin Station,
Charles W. Good,	2 Salem,	25	243	178	2	0	20	3	200	2	2	1	80	0	28 00	600 00	Dalmon,
Prof. Lucian Cort,	Princ'l, Gr. Fem. Sem.	25															Greensburg,
James Grant,	Without charge,	25															Bradenville,
Suppl'd by Rev. Good,	1 St. James Congreg'n.	25	45	20	0	0	10	0	35	0		1	30		13 14	150 00	
Wm. H. Bates,	1 Johnstown,	25	50		2												Johnstown, Cambria
Total, 15		25	3030	2340	180	18	212	147	2669	64	14	71	23	1750	\$81831 23	\$10,269 34	

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congreg'n.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Cert. of Rev. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Ereasure of	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contribution*.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benef. Purp's.	Cong'l. Purp's.		
W. C. Houpt,	2 Tylerburg, Miss.	2	49	52	2	3	13	15	20	1		13	1	2	2	1		\$6 28	Lineville, Venango County Pa.	
D. S. Dieffenbacher,	2 Kittanning,	2	268	210	25	25	13	15	241	1		18	2	2	2	150	1	193 00	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., "	
John Wolbach,	2 Paradise,	2	320	288	26	18	9	2	245	1		18	13	2	2	119		296 00	Troutville, Clearfield "	
Alphe K. Kline,	2 South Bend,	2	225	191	18	2	13	6	222	1		3	4	2	264			124 00	Elderton, Armstrong "	
W. C. B. Shulenberger,	1 St. Peters,	1	297	280	14	4	15	6	264	1		3	7	1	160			186 00	St. Petersburg, Clarion "	
M. H. Dieffenbacher,	3 Plum Creek,	3	168	123	8	4	15	1	161	1		3	6	1	85			400 00	Ellettsburg, Armstrong "	
J. B. Thompson,	4 Red Bank,	4	355	175	23	1	4	5	253	2		1	4	4	260			275 00	Shannondale, Clarion "	
T. R. Dietz,	4 Jefferson,	4	160	125	11	2	6	6	147	3		1	5	3	85			121 00	Paxson, Pa. "	
John M. Evans,	4 Curllsville,	4	261	150	34	2	6	13	238	3		1	10	4	163			220 00	Curllsville, Clarion "	
Geo. A. Whitmore,	3 St. John's,	3	124	190	34	2	3	11	124	3		2	2	3	140			58 00	Dayton, Armstrong "	
R. C. Bowling,	2 Emleuton,	2	108	100	11	1	6	105	3	3		3	3	2	209			750 00	Emleuton, Venango "	
J. F. Wiant,	2 Beaver,	2	170	115	11	1	18	6	155	3			3	2	150	1		94 00	Monroe, Clarion "	
J. J. Pennepacker,	Without charge,																		Runersburg, Clarion "	
H. W. Hoffmeyer,	do do																		Middletown, Fred. rick "	
Total, 14.		31	2505	1979	215	16	87	70	2375	27		39	60	26	1785		2	\$1054 28	\$9638 00	Md.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation's.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prot.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Renew. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Jos. H. Apple,	2 Saegertown,	2	195	145	5		1		175				3	2	60	1	\$75 00	\$750 00	Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa.
D. D. Leberman,	2 Meadville,	2	260	160	27		33	8	246	6		3	11	2	240		100 00	1530 00	" Meadville,
F. Pilgram,	4 Shenango,	4	539	385	40		19		450	8			9	3	325		242 00	950 00	" Greenville, Mercer Co.,
F. P. Hartmetz,	2 Sharon,	2	185	163	11		12		113	19			4	1	69		15 00	1800 00	" Sharon,
J. May,	2 Mercer,	2	163	92	9		3	2	122	1			3	1	50		35 00	560 00	" Balm,
J. W. Pontious,	4 Zion's,	4	161	132	15		14	5	151				2	3	150		105 00	722 00	" Cochran, Crawford Co.,
F. B. Hahn,	2 Greenville.	2	243	220	29		22	19	231	4			5	2	250		140 00	1175 00	" Greenville, Mercer
Total, 7		18	1746	1297	136		8104	34	1488	38			337	14	1144	1	\$712 00	\$7487 00	

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions			Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Infants.	Adults.	Con- firmed.	Certifi- cate.	Communed.								Benev. Purp's.	Local Purp's.	
Benjamin Knepper,	Wellersburg,	153	148	18		1	2	118	7			2	1	150		\$29 91	\$1309 00	Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.
H. F. Keener,	Zion,	364	250	41	8	36	6	331	7		7	13	5	215		150 33	885 00	Berlin, " "
John Rubl,	Frostburg,	200	150	15		22		200				1	1	160		90 00	1020 70	Frostburg, Md.
L. D. Steckel,	Meyersdale,	357	250	30		18	4	299	17			4	4	245		201 38	823 00	Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.
F. R. Schwedes,	Cumberland,	150	125	12		10	5	140	8			2	1	100	1	30 00	800 00	Cumberland, Md.
Calvin U. Heilman,	Paradise,	390	290	70	11	46		380				16	6	325		174 50	2274 14	Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.
Vacant.	Beam,	267	160	23	4	23	6	221	5				2	197		121 00	525 00	Sipesville, " "
S. R. Bridenbaugh.	Berlin,	270	170	25		11	5	245	3			10	1	170	1	450 00	900 00	Berlin, " "
John S. Wagner.	Stoyestown,	195	152	32	4	16	5	195	2			5	3	96		206 00	477 00	Stoyestown, " "
Wm. W. Deatrick,	Centreville,	167	107	7	1	3		110					1	75	2	25 00	1980 00	Gebharts, " "
Vacant.	Somerset,	153	160	17	9	20	3	130	6			13	2	100		121 76	400 00	Somerset, " "
Sam'l. T. Wagner.	Asst. in Meyersdale																	
Total, 10.		2666	1902	290	37	206	36	2369	55		7	66	27	1833	4	\$1599 88	\$11,393 84	
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ALLEGHENY CLASSIS

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		UNCONFIRMED MEMBERS.	BAPTISMS		CONFIRMED.	BY CERT. OF RENEW. PROF.	COMMUNICANTS.		DISMISSED.	EXCOMM.	ERASURE OF NAMES.	DEATHS.	S. SCHOOLS.	S. SCHOLARS.	STUDENTS FOR MINISTRY.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	75	30	6	Infants.	Adults.		7	75	75							Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
T. F. Stauffer,	1	Butler,	75	30	6	6	5	14	7	75	75			4		1	87	1	\$15 00	\$450 00	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
F. A. Edmonds,	2	Harmony,	288	114	17	17	3	13	3	241	11				5	1	280		50 00	856 00	Harmony, Butler Co., "
J. W. Alspech,	2	Fairview,	261	221	18	18	1	25	24	220	7			8	5	2	198		125 00	1051 00	Baldwin, Butler Co., "
J. W. Hannaberry,		Without Charge,																			Ridgeley, Caroline Co., Md.
H. D. Darbaker,*		"																			Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
Caaper Scheel,		"																			Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
Charles Knepper,		"																			Manasfield, Allegheny Co., Pa.
J. M. Souder,	1	New Castle,	18																		New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
W. B. Sandoe,	2	Henshaw,	119	62	8	8		5	3	83	4				3	1	80		28 00	1010 00	Butler, Butler Co., "
J. W. Knappenberger,	1	Zion's,	42	30	3	3		3	1	20	4				1	1	40		16 00	250 00	East End, Pittsburgh, "
" Supply.	1	Trinity,	46	48	2	2		1		26	2				2	1	70	2	10 00	300 00	" " " " " "
Hiram King,	1	Allegheny,																			Allegheny City, " "
C. Gumbert,	1	Sugar Creek,	156		15	15	1	5	8	156	3				3	1	75		72 00	445 00	Adams, Armstrong Co., " "
J. H. Prugh,	1	Grace,	125		6	6				120					1	1	60		350 00	4000 00	Pittsburgh, " "
Total, 13.	14		1140	547	70	70	10	62	42	895	25			12	17	9	780	3	\$660 00	\$7812 00	

* Principal of Harmony Collegiate Institute.

Statistical Summary for 1880.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES	Ministries.		Congrega- tions.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni- cated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent's. Contribut'g's.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.
	Ministries.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Confr. d.	Certifi- e.											
Westmoreland,	13	25	3,036	2,340	180	18	212	147	2,269	34	14	71	23	1,759	\$1,831.23	\$10,269.34	8		
Clarion,	14	31	2,505	1,979	215	16	87	70	2,375	27	39	60	26	1,785	1,654.00	8,638.00	2		
St. Paul,	7	18	1,746	1,297	136	8	104	34	1,488	38	3	37	14	1,144	712.00	7,487.00	1		
Somerset,	10	32	2,666	1,902	290	37	206	36	2,369	55	7	66	27	1,833	1,599.88	11,393.84	4		
Allegheny,	13	14	1,140	547	70	10	62	42	895	25	12	17	9	780	660.00	7,812.00	3		
Total, 5 Classes,	57	120	11,093	8,065	891	89	671	329	9,396	229	75	251	99	7,301	\$6,457.11	\$45,600.18	13		
Synod of U. S., 9 Classes,	211	433	67,935	38,498	5,290	377	3,740	1,209	55,772	712	2	602	2,163	526	39,496	27,734.28	231,128.62	51	
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	149	296	21,000	9,536	1,030	386	1,216	660	17,562	346	19	387	379	231	19,100	8,834.00	101,753.00	16	
Synod of the N. West, 11 Classes,	157	240	24,054	17,180	2,334	59	1,593	1,017	19,918	427	80	205	767	209	13,573	12,534.00	88,254.00	32	
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	128	267	27,417	17,173	1,949	184	1,241	598	23,559	400	2	119	735	241	17,686	16,019.00	99,952.00	25	
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	44	39	9,503	5,695	1,719	1	652	316	7,302	135	20	115	296	69	6,355	3,802.00	63,533.00	4	
Totals 6 Synods, 48 Classes.	746	1395	161,002	96,147	13,213	1096	9,113	4,129	133,509	2,249	123	1503	4,591	1,345	103511	\$73,380.39	\$630,220.80	141	

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GREENSBURG Female Seminary,

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This is a First-Class School for Young Ladies. A Male Department has also been opened in connection with the Institution. It is, however, separate and distinct from the "Young Ladies' Course."

TERMS.

BOARD AND TUITION, INCLUDING LIGHT AND FUEL, (<i>except in Sleeping Rooms</i>) FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR	\$160 00
TUITION FOR DAY SCHOLARS, IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENT	18 00
TUITION FOR DAY SCHOLARS, IN COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT	33 00
THE CLASSICS AND HIGHER MATHEMATICS IN THE MALE DEPARTMENT EXTRA, PER ANNUM	7 00
Twenty-five per cent. discount to ministers' daughters on the above charges.	

EXTRA CHARGES.

FRENCH FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR	\$20 00
MUSIC, PIANO AND ORGANS, OR PRIVATE VOCAL, EACH	33 00
FRENCH, DRAWING, PAINTING IN WATER COLORS, EACH	20 00
USE OF INSTRUMENT, (<i>One hour daily</i>)	10 00
WASHING, Plain Pieces, per doz. (<i>Dresses Extra</i>)	60
STATIONERY, (<i>Copy Books, Pens, Ink and Crayon</i>)	2 00
PAINTING IN OIL	40 00
<i>When fire is required in Sleeping Room, each Pupil</i>	8 00

Pupils are required to furnish their own Napkins and Towels, which, with every article of clothing, should be distinctly marked with the owner's name. Charges to be paid one-half in advance, the balance at the close of each term

CALENDAR.

The First Term of the School Year always opens the first Wednesday in September, and continues seventeen weeks, including the Christmas Vacation of two weeks.

The Second Term always begins on Wednesday after New Year, and continues twenty-four weeks, with one week's recess at Easter.

Pupils can enter at any time. For Catalogues apply to the Principal,

Rev. LUCIAN CORT, A.M., Greensburg, Pa.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in general convention in the basement of the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., October 5th, A. D. 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until October 10th, at 5 P. M., when it adjourned finally.

Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, the President, preached the opening sermon from Eph. 6:19, "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, Jno. W. Love, David B. Lady, Jno. McConnell, Sam'l Z. Beam, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, Benj. B. Ferer, John Dotterer, Albert E. Truxal, Chas. W. Good, Prof. Lucian Cort, Wm. H. Bates, Sam'l. H. Eisenberg.

Elders.—Philip Hill, Jno. Truxal, Michael Beamer, Isaac Shupe, Solomon Bender, William Truxal, Wm. W. Wiester, Jos. Cort, Peter Hill, Matthias Soxman.

The secundi elders, Wm. R. Barnhart, David L. Snyder and S. C. Remsberg occupied the seats of elders Jno. Truxal, Michael Beamer and Jos. Cort respectively during part of the sessions. Rev. Jacob F. Snyder appeared on Thursday morning and Rev. W. H. Bates on Friday morning.

Clarion Classis.—Revs. Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, John Wolbach, Alpha K. Kline, Joseph B. Thompson, Tilghman R. Dietz, Jno. M. Evans, Robt. C. Bowling, Jac. F. Wiant.

Elders.—David Knobel, Wm. Allshouse, Wm. Goughler, Jacob Brinker, Jno. D. Phillipi, Abram Wiant, Jno. Hoffman, Sen., Aaron Fritz, Jno. Lorah. Rev. T. R. Dietz, and Elders Wm. Allshouse, and Jno. Hoffman, Sen., appeared on Thursday A. M.; Rev. Jos. B. Thompson on Friday morning.

St. Paul's Classis.—Revs. Frederick Pilgram, Josiah May, Jno. W. Pontious, Fred. B. Hahn.

Elders.—C. M. Bousch, Charles Hecker, Jacob Armberger, Adam Kameron. Elder C. M. Bousch appeared on Friday morning, Rev. Hahn on Friday P. M.

Somerset Classis.—Revs. Henry F. Keener, Calvin U. Heilman, Sam'l R. Bridenbaugh, Jno. S. Wagner, Wm. W. Deatrick, Sam'l T. Wagner, Moses H. Diefenderfer, Hiram King, Jno. M. Schick.

Elders.—Philip Hay, Wm. H. Hay, Josiah Poorbaugh, Jno. H. Zimmerman, Reuben McMillan, John Thompson, Conrad Poschman.

Rev. Diefenderfer appeared on Friday morning, and Rev. H. King was excused from Monday noon.

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. Thos. F. Stauffer, Joel W. Alspach, Chas. Knepper, Jno. M. Souder, Jno. W. Knappenberger, Christian Gumbert, Jno. H. Prugh.

Elders.—Henry Biehl, Wm. Weitzel, David King, Thos. J. Craig, Geo. F. Rahausen. Rev. C. Knepper appeared on Saturday morning. Elders Weitzel and Craig on Thursday morning.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. Theodore Appel, D.D., Peter S. Davis, D.D., Chas. G. Fisher, and Lic. Joshua Wolbach.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Stevenson of the U. P. church, Revs. Enoch Smith and W. F. Ulery of the Lutheran church, Rev. Kerr of the M. E. church, and Rev. W. W. Moorehead of the Presbyterian church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Jno. McConnell, of Salina, Pa., was elected *President*.

Rev. H. F. Keener, of Berlin, Pa., was re-elected *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, of Latrobe, Pa., was elected *Cor. Sec.*

Elder T. J. Craig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted in 1875, were read by the Clerk.

The *Bar of the House* was limited to the first six pews in front of the pulpit. *Session Hours* as adopted: From 9 to 11½ o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 4½ P. M.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. J. W. Love, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. W. Knappenberger,—Elders, John Truxal and Sol. Bender.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. M. Souder, Josiah May, and Elders Josiah Poorbaugh and Philip Hay.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, B. B. Ferer, Wm. W. Deatrick,—Elders, R. McMillen, Henry Biehl.

Overtures.—Revs. D. B. Lady, J. M. Schick, T. R. Dietz,—Elders, Michael Beamer, Conrad Poschman.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. H. King, A. E. Truxal, Lucian Cort,—Elders, Jos. Cort, Matthias Soxman.

State of the Church.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. U. Heilman, S. Z. Beam,—Elders, David Knobel, W. H. Hay.

Missions—Home and Foreign.—Revs. F. Pilgram, S. Z. Beam, C. Gumbert,—Elders, Adam Kameron, Isaac Shupe.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, J. Dotterer, J. M. Evans,—Elders, Jno. Lorah, W. W. Wiester.

Institutions of Learning. Revs. A. E. Truxal, S. H. Eisenberg, J. S. Wagner,—Elders, J. H. Zimmerman, Aaron Fritz.

Education.—Revs. J. Wolbach, R. C. Bowling, C. U. Heilman,—Elders, J. D. Philippi, Jac. Brinker.

Publication.—Revs. J. W. Knappenberger, S. T. Wagner, J. W. Pontious,—Elders, Wm. Weitzel, Jac. Armberger.

Finance.—Revs. C. W. Good, J. H. Prugh, W. W. Deatrick,—Elders, Peter Hill, Wm. Goughler.

Nominations.—Rev. A. K. Kline, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. H. Prugh,—Elders, Abram Wiant, David King.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the General Synod, and of Pittsburgh Synod were presented and passed to the committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Records of the Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and passed to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

3. The Reports on the different church Boards were read and passed to their proper committees.

4. The Treasurer's report was read and passed to the Committee on Finance. Communications and overtures were received and passed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine services. The Committee on Religious Services reported the following, which was adopted:—

Tuesday Evening. Altar services, Revs. Hiram King and A. K. Kline; Sermon by Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Friday Evening. A meeting to consider the interests of the Sunday-school cause; the services and addresses to be as arranged by the S. S. Board of Synod.

Saturday Morning. A Synodical prayer-meeting for the blessing of the Triune God upon the work of this Synod, upon the charges and congregations represented by it, and upon the entire Church of our own and of all Christian denominations. The prayers shall be interspersed with singing and voluntary addresses in reference to the past work and future prospects of the Church of Christ.

The meeting shall be conducted by Elder C. M. Bousch, Esq., and be held from 8½ to 9½ o'clock.

Saturday Afternoon. Services preparatory to the holy communion, beginning at 2 o'clock; altar services, by Revs. J. W. Pontious and J. M. Schick; sermon, by Rev. W. W. Deatrick; confirmation service, by the pastor.

Saturday Evening. Missionary meeting, under the direction of the Committee on Missions.

Sunday Morning. Sunday-school service from 9½ to 10½ o'clock; addresses, by Rev. C. G. Fisher and Elder T. J. Craig; communion services; altar services, by the president and stated clerk of Synod; sermon, by Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.

Sunday Evening Service. Altar services, by Revs. F. Pilgram and J. S. Wagner; Sermon, by Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D.

Services in other Churches. Rev. J. M. Evans to preach at St. Paul's Reformed Church of the Pleasant Unity charge, at 3 o'clock, P. M.; Rev. J. M. Schick to preach at Latrobe at 7 o'clock, P. M.; Rev. H. F. Keener to preach at Brush Creek, Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock; Rev. C. U. Heilmann to preach at Fennel Church, of Salem charge, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh; Evening, Rev. Hiram King.

United Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. F. B. Hahn; Evening, Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Presbyterian Church.—Evening, Rev. J. H. Prugh.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. F. Wiant.

United Brethren Church.—Morning, Rev. R. C. Bowling; Evening, Rev. J. M. Souder.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report as follows:

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1, p. 50. General Synod commends the cause of Home Missions to the Synod.

Item 2, p. 50, is a request that the District Boards report to the Board of the General Synod at least one month before the Triennial meeting.

Item 3, p. 50, a request that each Synod send a copy of its minutes to the Board of the General Synod.

Item 4, p. 101. General Synod requests Synods and Classes to take such action as may be deemed best to establish Orphan Houses where necessary, and to enlarge the operations of those already in existence.

Item 5, p. 112. General Synod requests Synods to give an expression of their opinion with respect to the following important proposed changes in our practical Government, viz.:—1). Annual sessions of the General Synod. 2). Election of delegates by Synods instead of Classes. 3). Concentration of Church work on Boards appointed by the General Synod.

Item 6, p. 167. General Synod apportions \$170 on Pittsburgh Synod, to meet the usual expenses of General Synod.

Item 7, p. 175. General Synod adjourned to meet in Baltimore, Md., May 7th, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Item 1, p. 1. Instructions to Treasurer of Synod in regard to paying Missionaries within our own bounds.

Item 2, p. 28. A committee appointed to look after the interests of the Reformed Church in Allegheny City, Pa.

Item 3, p. 47. Instructions to treasurer of Synod in regard to final settlement of the Russell claim.

Item 4, p. 49. A recommendation in regard to the duty of Elders.

Item 5, p. 49. A resolution in regard to temperance.

Item 6, p. 39. The attention of the Classes was called to that part of the report of the Board of Education relating to the circulars of students.

Item 7, p. 42. The Clerk was ordered to publish 2,000 copies of Minutes of Synod.

Item 8, p. 47. Refers to vacancies occurring in the various Boards:—

a). Trustee of Synod, Rev. J. W. Alspach.

b). Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home—Revs. John McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher; Elders, C M. Bousch and T. J. Craig.

c). Trustees of Literary Institutions—Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal, L. D. Steckel, and Elder T. J. Craig.

d). Board of Education—Rev. L. Cort.

e). Synodical Board of Missions—Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

f). Trustee of Theological Seminary—W. E. Schmertz.

g). Board of Publication—Rev. J. W. Love.

h). Synodical Editor—Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
J. M. SOUDER,
J. MAY,
JOSIAH POORBAUGH,
PHILIP HAY.

The report was considered by items with the annexed results:—

Item 1. General Synod.—This item was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 2. Adopted and the attention of the Tri-Synodic Board called to it.

Item 3. Adopted and the clerk ordered to comply therewith.

Item 4. Referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Item 5. Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. C. U. Heilman, J. W. Love, D. S. Dieffenbacher, F. Pilgram and T. J. Craig. This committee afterwards reported as follows, which was adopted:—

Your committee on item 4 of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that we are not prepared to express an opinion on the proposed changes set forth in this item.

Item 6. Was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 7. Adopted.

Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 1. The Treasurer reported the resolution carried out in part.

Item 2. The committee reported the duty assigned, attended to, to the best of their ability, having taken all the members of that mission available, into Grace Church, Pittsburgh, as the only proper home for them.—J. H. Prugh and consistory of Grace Church.—*Committee.*

Item 3. The Treasurer reported having settled finally with Dr. Russell for \$400.00.

Item 4. The elders were requested to hold a meeting at 1 30 o'clock on Friday, to inquire into this matter, with Elder T. J. Craig in the chair. See report of this meeting under *Miscellaneous Matters*.

Item 5. The roll was called and the following answered, "attended to":—Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Benj. B. Ferer, D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. K. Kline, R. C. Bowling, Jacob F. Wiant, Josiah May, J. W. Pontious, H. F. Keener, C. U. Heilman, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. S. Wagner, Hiram King, T. F. Stauffer, J. M. Souder. The following answered "not attended to":—Revs. D. B. Lady, J. McConnell, S. Z. Beam, J. Dotterer, A. E. Truxal, C. W. Good, S. H. Eisenberg, J. Wolbach, F. Pilgram, W. W. Deatrick, J. W. Knappenberger, C. Gumbert, J. H. Prugh. The brethren in attendance upon Synod whose names appear not in the above list were not present when the roll was called.

For further action on this subject, which called forth much discussion, see item 5, of the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes.

Items 6 and 8 were adopted. *Item 7.* The Clerk reported that his instructions were carried out at an expense of \$106.35.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes present the following report:

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Clarion and St. Paul's Classes failed to furnish Synod with separate copies of their Report on the State of the Church, and Statistics.

REQUESTS.

Item 2. Allegheny Classis, page 23, requests Synod to exonerate said Classis from all arrearages due Synod.

Item 3. Westmoreland Classis, item 1, page 7, requests Synod to enjoin upon pastors and consistories to make strenuous efforts to increase the circulation of our Church periodicals, until *all* our families and members receive one or more of the Church papers. 2, That pastors and agents endeavor first to introduce and sustain the Reformed Church Messenger, the Child's Treasury, the Guardian, Lesson Papers, and Quarterly Review,—papers of our own Synod. 3, That at each annual meeting of the Classes the number of periodicals of the Church taken in each charge be reported, what efforts have been made to increase the circulation, and collect subscriptions due the same. 4, That the number of the various periodicals of the Church, taken in each charge, be hereafter reported in the table of statistics.

Item 4. Westmoreland Classis, page 15, requested Synod to relieve said Classis of at least \$150.00, if not more, of the coming year's apportionment.

SUBJECTS REFERRED.

Item 5. All the Classes adopted the subjects referred to them by Synod, except St. Paul's Classis, which passed the following resolution: *Resolved*, That this Classis heartily concurs in the view expressed by the last Annual Synod, "that the habitual and excessive use of intoxicating beverages is inconsistent with Christian character;" but we do not feel ourselves called upon to prescribe to our membership any particular conduct in regard to the license laws of the land.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS

Item 6. Westmoreland Classis received Licentiate S. H. Eisenberg, from Mercersburg Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; Rev. W. H.

Bates, from Somerset Classis, and dismissed Rev. G. D. Gurley to North Carolina Classis.

Clarion Classis dismissed Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer to Somerset Classis, and Rev. W. H. Hoffmeier to Maryland Classis.

Somerset Classis licensed Cyrus J. Musser, and dismissed him to Mercersburg Classis. Received Rev. H. King, from Allegheny Classis, Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, from Clarion Classis, Rev. John M. Schick, from Mercersburg Classis, and dismissed Rev. L. D. Steckel to Lebanon Classis.

Allegheny Classis dismissed Rev. H. King to Somerset Classis, and Rev. W. B. Sandoe to Susquehanna Classis.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Westmoreland Classis will meet in Pine Run Reformed Church, Westmoreland county, Pa., on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1882, at 7½ P. M. Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, President; Rev. J. F. Snyder, S. C.

Clarion Classis will meet on the last Thursday in May, 1882, in the Reformed Church at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, Pa., at 7½ P. M., Rev. W. C. B. Schnlenberger, President; Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, S. C.

St. Paul's Classis will meet in St. Mark's church, Zion's charge, Crawford county, Pa., on Thursday, June 1st, 1882, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. F. Pilgram, Prest.; Rev. F. B. Hahn, S. C.

Somerset Classis will meet in Amity Reformed Church, at Myersdale, Pa., May 21st, 1881, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. F. R. Schwedes, Prest., Rev. H. F. Keener, S. C.

Allegheny Classis will meet in Reformed Church, Millerstown, Butler county, Pa., on Monday, May 24th, 1882, at 7½ P. M. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Prest.; Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. STAUFFER,
B. B. FERER, HENRY BIEHL,
W. W. DEATRICK, R. W. McMILLAN.

The report was considered by items with the annexed results:

Item 1. The Clerks of Clarion and St. Paul's Classes were referred to the rule of Synod.

Item 2. Not granted, but the Committee on Finance was instructed to take this matter into account when making the apportionment on said Classis.

Items, 3, 6, and 7 were adopted. *Item 4* was referred to the Committee on Finance for consideration.

Item 5. After much discussion the original Temperance Resolution was amended so as to read: "*Resolved*, That it is the earnest conviction of this Synod that the habitual and excessive use of intoxicating beverages is inconsistent with Christian character, and that no church member should engage in the traffic, or encourage others to do so, either by signing petitions for license or in any other way." In this form the resolution was re-adopted, and those not having read it to their churches were requested to read it during the current Synodical year.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Your Committee on Overtures report as follows:

Several documents have come into our hands; they are reported in the following order:

I. A communication from Northern Illinois classis, with reference to the establishment of a college at Forreston, Ogle county, Ill., requesting permission of Synod to send a financial agent into its territory.

2. A communication from Iowa Classis, asking for an appropriation to its Mission funds, and calling attention to unpaid pledges.

3. A petition from the Consistory of Trinity Mission, Wilkinsburg, Pa., through the Board of Missions, asking Synod to originate a plan for the payment of their church debt, and giving reasons why the Synod should take the matter upon itself.

4. A petition from the trustees of Cumberland Church, asking Synod to make provision for the payment of \$100, or more, in addition to the \$1,000 voted them at the Synod of Pittsburgh and paid through Rev. C. U. Heilman.

5. Requests from Revs. F. R. Schwedes, D. D. Leberman, W. C. B. Shulenberg, Geo. A. Whitmore, and J. Pennepacker, to be excused for non-attendance. Respectfully submitted, D. B. LADY,

J. M. SCHICK, M. BEAMER,
T. R. DIETZ, CONRAD POSCHMAN.

The report was acted upon by items as follows:

Item 1. This item was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, M. H. Diefenderfer, and Elder T. J. Craig. The committee reported the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we as a Synod appreciate the zeal and labor of the brethren of Northern Illinois Classis in their work of establishing a Reformed College within their bounds and thus providing for the educational wants of the people, and hope to be able at some future time to give them substantial encouragement in their proposed enterprise; but for the present, because of other demands upon the charities of our people, we deem it inexpedient for them to send an agent into our midst for the purpose of collecting money, believing that the result of such efforts would not much more than cover expenses.

Item 2. Was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 3. Was referred to the following Special Committee: Revs. Lucian Cort, H. King, D. B. Lady, Jacob F. Wiant, Elder C. M. Bousch. This committee reported as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture on the financial embarrassments of the *Wilkinsburg Mission* beg leave to report, that after having heard statements from different parties in reference to the matter they found the indebtedness of the Mission as follows:—

<i>First</i> ,—A mortgage on the church property held by the Dollar Savings Bank for	\$1,500
<i>Second</i> —A note of Jacob Sheibler, for	150
<i>Third</i> —The claim of Rev. T. F. Stauffer, for	410

Making the whole debt of the Mission \$2060

In view of all the circumstances of the case the committee recommend the following action to be taken by the Synod:

First, That the Synod prevail upon the Missionary Board to appropriate \$250 per year to the Wilkinsburg Mission until their church debt is discharged, in the following manner:

Second, That the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby instructed to pay on the church debt of Wilkinsburg Mission \$250, as soon as the same can be done without injury to other objects, and also pay in the same manner \$250 annually hereafter, till the said debt is fully paid; provided, however, that congregation satisfy the Treasurer first that they have paid during the previous year all the interest on the debt, and also the sum of \$250 to apply on the principal.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIAN CORT,
J. F. Wiant,
H. KING.

D. B. LADY,
C. M. ROUSCH,

The Treasurer was instructed to secure all the money paid on the debt of the Wilkinsburg Mission by mortgage on their property.

Item 4. Was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. C. W. Good, Wm. H. Bates and Elder M. Soxman. This committee reported as follows, which was adopted: The committee to which was referred the request of the Church at Cumberland, Md., submit the following report:

WHEREAS, This Synod has voluntarily paid an indebtedness on the Cumberland Church property amounting to one thousand dollars in addition to various sums of money contributed by pastoral charges, at different times, therefore,

Resolved, That the request for further aid be not granted.

Resolved, That the members of this Church provide for their remaining indebtedness as speedily as possible, and that they are hereby requested to hand over to the Synod its note given by Revs. Johnston and Ruhl, as they are in honor bound to do.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. GOOD,
W. H. BATES,
M. SOXMAN.

Item 5. All these brethren were excused.
The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

Your committee would report that no applications were referred to them, and hence they had no work.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

H. KING, L. CORT,
A. E. TRUXAL, JOS. CORT,
M. SOXMAN.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ:—Through the great goodness of God, our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble in annual sessions, to record the doings of the Lord in our bounds, in the trials and encouragements of His Church in our midst during another Synodical year, to point out the evidence of the Divine presence in our churches, your committee, in devout gratitude to the Giver of all mercies, judging from the favorable reports of the different Classes, can respond with cheerful hope in the progress of the Church, that the darkness is giving way and that the kingdom of Christ is advancing.

The reports of the various Classes on the State of Religion, present encouraging features. They bear testimony to the fact, that the Lord has richly blessed the labors of His servants, so that the work of grace has prospered in the churches to which they have administered the Word and Sacraments. The precious promise, "Lo I am with you always," has been experienced by pastors and people during the Synodical year.

From the Classical reports we learn that peace and harmony prevail. No distracting element is at work, to disturb our peace or prevent our prosperity. Pastors and people are in perfect accord with the general Peace movement in our Church at large. And as one of the reports properly states: "The blessed influence of the Peace movement has reached us in more ways than one, for which let us be truly thankful."

We have evidence of both external and internal growth, to which we will briefly refer. The increase in membership of the churches has been highly gratifying; all have reason to be encouraged by this steady advance of our

beloved Zion. This increase has been secured in the use of divinely instituted means, the faithful preaching of the Word both in the pulpit and catechetical class. Many who had lapsed back into the world, and neglected the means of grace, have been reclaimed, and are now numbered with the people of God. The number of baptisms is large, showing the faithful observance of this sacrament, by which adults and infants are engrafted into the mystical body of Christ,—charges have been divided and others reconstructed, so as to carry forward the work of the Lord more successfully; old church debts liquidated; new churches have been erected; the large and beautiful edifice in which we as a Synod now convene, attests this fact, and is a monument to the generous liberality of this people, and worthy of imitation by others; the cause of missions is being pushed forward as rapidly as the means at command will allow.

The internal life has given signs of progress. The increased attendance upon the public worship; a profound appreciation and devout use of the Holy Eucharist; advance in personal holiness; a readiness to contribute to general benevolence; a growing attachment to the doctrines and practices of our Church; and unanimous testimony in favor of catechization, as representing the true idea of educational religion.

Our Sunday-schools generally, are in a prosperous condition. A more lively interest has been shown in this department of our Church work, during the past few years. Sunday-school Conventions were held in most of the Classes, and important topics discussed, thereby to awaken deeper interest, and give our members clearer views of its mission as an integral part of the Church; showing that many more of our members should enter heartily in this great work. Will the Church do her whole duty to the lambs of the flock? Remember the Master's command to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

It is a pleasing duty to record the fact, that the MESSENGER has a larger circulation in the bounds of this Synod, than during any previous time in the past, which speaks well for our people; showing an increased desire for light and a deeper interest in regard to the work of the whole Church, which must result in cultivating Christian and Church life. Let every family faithfully read their paper, then the number to discontinue the same, will be comparatively few.

In giving this favorable report, we do not lose sight of the fact, that there are many shortcomings and imperfections over which we lament; that as ministers we have had labors more abundant and often sorrowing hearts, that often our efforts have been without apparent fruit. There have been here and there, as one report testifies, "indifferent and lifeless professors, and a want of true Christian benevolence, those who do not their whole duty, and instead of being helpers are hindrances, and bring reproach upon the Master's cause."

In conclusion, your Committee feel that this Synod has great reason to be thankful that the watchmen have all been spared, and that the Father hath continued to draw precious souls to the cross, and Jesus received them into His warm embrace. May peace, and love, and joy in the Holy Ghost be abundantly multiplied unto all the churches through Jesus Christ. Amen.

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

MISSIONS.

1. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

Rev. Fathers and Brethren: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States (Tri-Synodic).

It will be the duty of the several Synods to elect at their meeting, this fall, a person to fill the office of Superintendent for the coming four years. Your Board, as it is made our duty to nominate candidates for said office, present you the names of the Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., and the Rev. Henry Mosser, from which to make a selection.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Sec.*

J. O. MILLER, *Pres.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods :

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—The Superintendent of Missions hereby respectfully presents this his Fourth Annual Report of the condition and progress of the missions under the care of the Board during the past year.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Reformed Church, Easton.—Under the care of the Board five years. Members, 80. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$30. Local objects, over \$600. Cost of property, \$3,000. Indebtedness, about \$1,200. Reduction of debt during the year, \$300. Attendance, better than in former years. The condition of the mission steadily improving. In a great measure dependent for its increase on members removing from the country to the town. Appropriation fixed by the Classis—not reported to the Board. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Salem's Reformed Church, Catasauqua.—About seven years under the care of the Board. Members, 140. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 19. Additions, 16. Losses, 5. Benevolence, \$43.53. Local objects, \$1,094.66. Cost of property, \$3,100. Its value much greater. Its present indebtedness is \$1,600. Reduction during the year, \$1,500. There is a decided improvement in the condition of this mission, as compared with that of previous years. Its indebtedness is still in its way, also the financial disrepute into which it had fallen during previous years. It is, however, overcoming both of these difficulties, and its financial status in the community has improved. Appropriation fixed by Classis. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

Christ's Mission, East Allentown.—This mission was served during part of the past year by Rev. J. Fritzing. After his withdrawal, the Rev. W. J. Kershner became its pastor. The Classis of Lehigh declined extending to it any further assistance, and it is, therefore, no longer under the care of the Board. With the help which it expects to receive from members of the Reformed church in other congregations in the city, it is believed that it will hereafter be able to sustain itself.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 390. Baptisms, 71. Additions, 65. S. S. scholars, 400. Cost of church property, \$22,000. Reduction of indebtedness during the past year, \$500. The financial condition of the mission is improving; and if it were not for its indebtedness, the mission would be self-supporting. The pastor has been serving the Birdsboro mission during the year, which at present is building a new church for its use. If this congregation can be connected with one or more neighboring congregations, it will constitute a self-supporting charge, and pastor Steinmetz will be relieved of a part of his arduous labors. He can then devote more time and attention to his congregation in Reading. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—For several years past this mission has been suffering from financial difficulties. Its income was not suffi-

cient to meet its expenditures. The actual amount of indebtedness over a year ago was diminished, as said in last year's report, but this was accomplished by the sale of one of its houses, and was not, therefore, in itself, a financial gain. The indebtedness had been accumulating for several years before. The pastor, Rev. J. S. Vandersloot, having been invited to take charge of a mission in another part of the city, concluded to withdraw from his post, so that the way might be opened to place the mission upon a better financial basis. The mission, accordingly, has been vacant for several months, but it has been regularly supplied by the Superintendent and others. The way is now open for the location of another pastor over it; and so soon as that is brought about, the Board has good hopes that, under new auspices, it will take a new departure, and overcome the difficulties which have stood thus far in the way of its progress. Appropriation last year, \$300. Vacant.

Grace Church, Philadelphia.—This mission grew out of a mission Sunday-school, which had been kept up by the members of the Reformed church for a number of years previously, at the corner of 5th and Dauphin streets, in the northern part of the city. Last spring it made an application to the Board to be recognized as a mission, and to be supplied with a missionary pastor. It was signed by over fifty persons. A congregation of some twenty persons was organized by the Classis of Philadelphia, and the Rev. J. S. Vandersloot was commissioned by the Board to take charge of it as missionary. It is believed that the number of members will be largely increased during the course of the year. The Sunday-school, numbering over one hundred scholars, had been carried forward with energy, during previous years, and it is now in a flourishing condition. A lot of ground has been selected for a new church or chapel, and it is proposed to build on it during the course of the year. The mission is promising. It is located in a part of the city where missionary labor is needed, and where is much material belonging to the Reformed church which, with the divine blessing, may be gathered into a flourishing church. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 109. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 16. S. S. scholars, 273. Benevolence, \$80. For local objects, \$689. No debt. The Missionary Society, composed mainly of S. S. scholars, contributed one-fourth of the amount devoted to benevolence. This congregation has been receiving missionary help since its organization, a little over seventeen years ago. During the period it has been under the charge of the present pastor—eight years—it has been making encouraging additions from year to year, in all, 147; but its losses, by removals or death, have been also large, so that its growth in numbers has been impeded by circumstances which were beyond its control. The Classis of Lancaster is at present making an effort to connect it with a congregation in the country, by which it is thought the charge will be nearly or quite self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This mission has been supplied for two years by the Rev. John G. Fritchey, during which time he has reduced the indebtedness from \$2,000 to \$1,100, and re-established its financial reputation. Confidence has been restored, and the members are united and willing to work together for the future prosperity of the church. Mr. Fritchey, in view of his advancing age, is anxious to withdraw from the mission, and the way seems now to be prepared to secure

some one to succeed him. It is thought that before long the Board will be able to obtain a competent person to take charge of it. Members, 66. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 6, all heads of families. S. S. scholars, 40. Benevolence, \$3. Local objects, \$268. Value of property, estimated at \$10,000. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, Rev. J. G. Fritchey.

Columbia.—Members, 165. Losses, 16 by removal; 10 by death. Additions, 19. Baptisms, 18. S. S. scholars, 185. Benevolence, \$93. For local objects, \$960. Value of church property, \$7,000; of parsonage, \$3,000. The congregation, under difficulties, is making progress. For a number of years past it has had a troublesome debt to contend with, amounting, during the year, to \$1,625. A few weeks ago, an effort was made to pay it off. Over \$1,200 was secured for this purpose, and in a few weeks more it is expected that the balance will be provided for. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, the same. Pastor, C. S. Gerhart.

Wilkes-Barre.—The present missionary has had charge of this mission now nearly four years. Number of members at Wilkes-Barre, 312. At Nanticoke, 120. In all, 432. Gain, 112, and losses, 37, leaving a net increase of 65. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 64. Benevolence, \$54. Local objects, \$735. Cost of property, \$13,000. Indebtedness last year, \$3,650. This year, \$1,600. At Nanticoke the congregation is making an effort to erect a church, for which \$800 have thus far been secured. An eligible piece of ground was donated for this purpose by the Susquehanna Coal Company. The mission at Plymouth, referred to in last year's report as growing out of the mission at Wilkes-Barre, has been doing well under the care of the Rev. S. C. Meckel, and now receives an appropriation from the 'Classis of East Susquehanna. It has 42 members, and expects to erect a new church for its use by the coming spring. Missionary work in the Wyoming Valley thus far has made an encouraging degree of progress, and promises well for the spread of the church in that section of the country. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$225. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—Members, 140. Two congregations. Additions, 11. Baptisms, 5. S. S. scholars, 90. Benevolence, \$30. Debt, \$729. Reduction during the year, \$81. Cost of church, \$2,200, but worth much more now. In need of repairs. The church building of the country congregation is of little value, and must soon be replaced by a new one. The attendance upon the means of grace is good, and the mission is growing both internally and externally. When the present pastor took charge of it in 1879, it was much distracted, and its prospects gloomy. Since then it has rallied, and its condition is again promising for the future. Support of the pastor inadequate. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, the same. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—The congregation at East Liberty has been making progress during the year. The membership was increased one-third since last January. The indebtedness, \$1,600, was reduced to \$750. Street assessment of nearly \$100 per year is a burden on the congregation, likely to continue for several years to come.—Wilkinsburg is also doing well, but it has a heavy debt to carry, and its effect on the congregation is depressing. Members in both congregations, 100. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 23. S. S. scholars, 130. For benevolence, \$29. For local objects, \$920. Value of property, about \$6,000. Appropriation last year, \$525. This year, the same. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co.—Three congregations. Under the Board five years. Members, 115. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 8. S. S. scholars, 90. Value of property, \$1,500. Benevolence, \$65. Local objects, \$730. Indebtedness, \$70. Reduction of debt during the year, \$130. The attendance on worship, good. Some growth during the year. The support inadequate, making it necessary for the pastor to teach during a part of his time. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Schick, after laboring successfully in this charge for five years, recently withdrew. Appropriation, \$112. Vacant.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co.—Congregations, 3. Members, 169. Baptisms, 24. Additions, 9. Sunday-schools, 2, union. Benevolence, \$62. Local objects, \$503. The mission was established in 1873. It has built a new church at Mann's Choice worth \$1,800, and a parsonage worth \$1,600. These two buildings were paid for gradually from year to year; the remaining indebtedness was paid off during the year. It has been making progress, internally and externally, and its prospects for the future are good. The pastor, W. A. Gring, was recently called to another charge, and he left with the kind wishes of his people. Appropriation last year, \$200.

Duncannon.—There are three congregations comprising this mission. The congregation at Marysville has improved its church building, and paid, in all, \$300 for local purposes, which amounted to \$10, on an average, for each member. The Missionary, Rev. U. H. Heilman, having received a call from another charge in the church, there is a probability that he will accept of it and withdraw from the mission. The congregation at Duncannon is making a slow but encouraging progress. No statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$225.

First Church, Allegheny City.—This mission has been vacant during the past year. It was thought best by the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod that the arrangement made last year for its supply should be discontinued, and our missionary interests in Allegheny City were referred to a committee of Classis. Nothing, as far as we know, has been done to revive the mission during the year, and the prospects are that it will lie dormant for the time being. We need very much a church organization in Allegheny City, and it is believed that the time will still come when, under more favorable circumstances, we again will be able to occupy this field.

Shenandoah City.—No reports have been received from this mission during the year. It has hitherto stood under the supervision of the missionary department of the Ursinus Union. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—Under the care of the Board two years. Members, 61. Baptisms, 15. Additions, 12. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$43. For local objects, about \$1,500. The new church was dedicated in November last, and since then all the remaining indebtedness—several hundred dollars—has been cancelled. Its cost was \$3,000. This mission, during the short time it has been aided by the Board, has made a commendable degree of progress. Its beginnings were humble, and by no means encouraging to feeble sight. It has been largely, thus far, the work of faith, hope and charity. It received liberal aid from the citizens of Johnstown in the building of the church. Appropriation last year, \$500; this year, the same. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Members, 51. Baptisms, 21. Additions, 18. S. S. scholars, 215. Whole number enrolled during the year, 260. For benevolence, \$21.90. For local objects, \$531.15. Value of property, \$2,800. No indebtedness on property. The Sunday-school has largely increased during the year, and is composed mostly of the children of the poor. Its weekly contributions—\$60—were nearly sufficient to pay its expenses. Contributions to pastor's salary, about \$50. The balance of the expenses were met by the contributions of friends of the mission and proceeds of concerts and festivals. The Harbaugh Missionary Society was started during the year, and holds regular monthly meetings, which are well attended. This mission is doing a good work among the poor in the suburbs of the city, and has been enjoying manifest tokens of the divine favor since its organization, about three years ago. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford Co.—The prosperous condition of this mission, as presented in our last annual report, was interrupted by the withdrawal of its pastor, who accepted a call to another charge, with the approbation of Classis. Several efforts have been made to secure a successor, but thus far without success. The opportunities for building up churches in this field are favorable, and it is hoped that a suitable person will be secured before long, who will come and carry forward the good work on the foundation which has been laid. Appropriation last year, \$150. Vacant.

Latrobe.—Two congregations. Members, 123. Additions, at Latrobe, 25. Baptisms, 10. S. S. scholars, 65. Benevolence, \$50. For local purposes, \$600. Cost of property, \$7,200. Indebtedness, \$1,850. Reduction of indebtedness, \$92.60. The mission seems to be looking up, and, if its progress is slow, it is steady. The present pastor took charge of it during the year. He commenced preaching in Ligonier valley, where he organized a congregation of 25 members, which he has continued to serve. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Trinity Mission, York Co.—This mission has disappointed the expectations of the Board and its friends. For a year or more it has made little or no progress. It has, in fact, declined, and the Board has withdrawn its commission from the missionary. It will, therefore, devolve on the Classis to devise measures by which its wants shall be provided for.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—No reports. Statistics as reported in the minutes of General Synod. Members, 185; baptisms, 11; additions, 12; S. S. scholars, 69; benevolent objects, \$15; local objects, \$1800. The mission is still vacant, but supplied by Rev. F. P. Hartmetz. Appropriation \$100.

New Castle, Lawrence Co.—Organized as a mission in January, 1880. Members, 44. Baptisms, 9. Unconfirmed members, 27. Additions, 9. Worships in a rented hall. An effort is now in progress to build a house of worship, which is much needed. The amount raised in subscriptions and cash up to this time is a fraction over \$2,000. It is proposed to go forward in the erection of the new church yet this fall. It is to cost about \$2,500, exclusive of the lot. Much of the time of the missionary has been occupied in securing subscriptions for the church in the town, and in congregations at a distance; but its spiritual interests have not

materially suffered. It is not likely that it will make considerable progress until it is furnished with necessary church accommodations. Its prospects are encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$450; this year, the same. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Marietta.—The congregation at Marietta, organized several years ago, was for some time a mission under the care of the Classis of Lancaster, and was assisted by a number of its congregations. But the help thus obtained was not sufficient to support its pastor, and it appealed to the Board for a small appropriation, which was granted. The Classis connected it with the Maytown congregation, and so strengthened the charge. The mission is growing, and with some help in time of need, it has good prospects of becoming self-supporting at no distant day. The missionary, Rev. S. P. Brown, withdrew from the field last winter, and he was succeeded by the Rev. G. B. Resser in the spring. Appropriation, \$100.

Tionesta and Dubois.—Both of these points have been recognized as missions, and appropriations made for their support, but thus far they have been without missionary pastors.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Although this mission was without a pastor for a time, it did not suffer any serious loss. Its members held together, and waited in faith and prayer for some one who should break unto them the bread of life. By the appointment of the Board, the Rev. A. R. Kremer took charge of it last spring. His labors thus far have had the effect to encourage the brethren and to inspire hope that his labors among them will be blessed. A reduction of \$50 has been made in the church debt. \$500 still remains to be paid. It will be gradually reduced by the efforts of the Mite Society, which maintains itself in the congregation with commendable zeal. No statistics have been furnished to us. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, A. R. Kremer.

Mint Spring, Trinity Mission, Augusta Co.—The new church at Mint Spring was finished last fall and a day appointed for its dedication, but when the time came for this solemn act it was decided that it should be postponed until the debt incurred should be in some way provided for. The new church, therefore, has not yet been dedicated, as there is still a debt of \$128 resting on it. A Sunday school has been gathered together, and services have been held in the church every two weeks, which are well attended. As the Middlebrook charge has been strengthened by a new church and a new congregation in the town of Middlebrook, it is now proposed to reconstruct it and unite one of its congregations with Trinity Mission, so as to strengthen it and put it in the way of becoming self-sustaining. The Board has agreed to this arrangement, and, with the help of the Virginia Classis, proposes to make a small appropriation to each of the new charges, so soon as the new arrangement can be carried out. In a few years it is believed that there will be two respectable charges, where five years ago we had only one, and that without standing or influence. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, A. J. Whitmore.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent County.—In the early part of the year this charge became vacant by the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. H.

Dieffenbacher. A successor, however, was secured soon afterwards, so that it was not long vacant. Members, 95; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 5; Sunday-school scholars, 75; cost of property, \$2,000. No indebtedness. Benevolence, \$23.30. Local objects, \$394.23. The failure in some of the crops has been a loss to the mission, but being rooted and grounded in the truth, it is making progress, and its prospects are encouraging. Organized as a mission in 1870. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$150. Pastor, N. J. Miller.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since 1867. It had been a mission many years previously. The present pastor has had charge of it now for seven years. Its growth has been gradual and its prospects are good. Members, 156; unconfirmed members, 112; Baptisms, 15; Additions, 20; Sunday-school scholars, 110; value of property, \$5,500, of cemetery, \$1,000. Indebtedness on both \$2,000. Amount of indebtedness paid off since 1867, \$4,300; Benevolence, \$50; Local objects, \$750. Attendance good. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—This mission at present consists of three congregations, the first at Ridgely, the second in Queen Ann Co., and the third near Easton, in Talbot Co. Members, 73; Sunday-school scholars, 35; Baptisms, 14; Additions, 9. The new church at Ridgely is under roof but not yet finished, for the want of funds. The new church in Talbot county was dedicated a short time ago. It is a union church and cost between \$400 and \$500. Provision was made at the dedication to pay off all remaining indebtedness by the different denominations represented in it, four in number. The congregation in Kent county, which is small, has not as yet any church. It worships in private houses, and, in the summer time, in a grove. It has met with losses by deaths and removals, which have prevented it from securing for itself a building of its own. The missionary has not been adequately supported, as the mission at Ridgely did not raise the amount of salary which was expected. The loss, however, was partially made up by missionary boxes and private contributions from friends of missions in Pennsylvania. He will need similar help during the coming winter. Appropriation last year, \$325; this year, the same. Pastor, Joseph Hanabery.

East Baltimore.—The attention of the Board has been directed by the Classis of Maryland to the eastern portion of the city of Baltimore as a suitable place for the establishment of a new mission. Arrangements are at present being made to put up a chapel for the use of a mission Sunday-school and for preaching. One of the resident ministers of our church has consented to take charge of this interest for the present without any compensation.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—At the recommendation of the Missionary Committee of the Classis of North Carolina, the Rev J. D. Gurley was commissioned to labor as missionary at Concord, about one year ago. We had some valuable members in the town, who came forward and were organized into a congregation. Services have been held regularly in a hall fitted up for the purpose every Sunday, and a fair beginning

has been made. Mr. Gurley taught school for a while in order to minister to his support, but other schools having sprung up in the town this resort has failed him for the present. An effort was made at the Classis to connect some country congregations with the mission, but it was deemed premature at the time. This, however, may yet be accomplished. Mr. Gurley has accepted of invitations to preach in nearly all the charges of the Classis, where his services were well received and highly appreciated. In this way, as also by visiting missionary points in the bounds of the Classis, it is believed that his usefulness will be much increased from year to year. Appropriation, \$250. Pastor, J. D. Gurley.

Lincolnton.—A good while ago, there was a flourishing Reformed congregation at Lincolnton, but owing to different causes it was suffered to decline, and nearly all of its members connected themselves with other denominations. For a number of years no Reformed minister preached in the place. A few members—only a few—remained true to the church of their fathers, and it was thought best to supply these with preaching, and to make an effort to revive the congregation, if possible. The Rev. J. A. Foil, who had been preaching occasionally in the town, was commissioned during the year by the Board to take charge of this interest, with a small appropriation. He has been preaching at this point once in four weeks, and has had good audiences. It, however, needs more attention than Mr. Foil can give it in connection with his other engagements. It may possibly be connected with other points within the bounds of Classis hereafter, where preaching is called for, and a new missionary field be formed, in which good results might be expected. A small class of catechumens has been formed at Lincolnton. Appropriation, \$50. Pastor, J. A. Foil.

Moffitt's Grove.—This congregation came under the care of the Board during the past year. The members were poor, and the Rev. J. W. Cecil had served it for several years with little or no compensation. It has no church of its own, but has been worshipping in a school house, conveniently adapted to its purposes. Under these circumstances it was constituted a mission, and the Board made a small appropriation for the support of its pastor. Mr. Cecil has recently withdrawn from the field, and it will devolve on the Classis to provide for its spiritual wants, either by connecting it with some other charge or by temporary supplies through its missionary committee. Members, 41; Baptisms, 2; Additions 1; Appropriation, \$50. Vacant.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—During the past year the attention of this mission has been mainly occupied in securing for itself a suitable house of worship. The members were first called on for their subscriptions, and they all gave liberally for their circumstances. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Sontag, then spent several months in visiting the churches, and succeeded in raising the amount of subscriptions to a little over \$2,000, when steps were taken by the committee of Maryland Classis to go forward with the erection of a new church. The contract was awarded to good and responsible persons. It is in good taste, in the style of Queen Ann, and the cost will be \$4,100. The building is now in the process of erection. It is expected to be paid for by the subscriptions already received and some that are still to be secured, which will be supplemented by the

proceeds of the assessments made on the Classes, after all the payments on the ground are made. There are still two payments to be made on the ground—one this fall and the other next spring—of \$607 each. After the building is finished, and the congregation has the conveniences of a church of its own, the mission will be placed on a permanent foundation, and with the divine blessing will succeed. The labors of the pastor have been interrupted during the year, partly by sickness and partly by necessary absence from home. Fifteen persons have been added to the church, five baptized and two buried. The Sunday-school is yet small. Appropriation, \$600; this year, the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

New York.—Our Board has continued to assist the Board of the Eastern German Synod, in the support of this mission. The members composing it had felt it to be their duty to withdraw from an independent congregation, in which they had been accustomed to worship, and organize themselves into a congregation, under Pastor Fox, as missionary. During the past year a reconciliation was effected between the two divisions, and a new organization accomplished, distinctively Reformed, in connection with the German Synod, under the pastorate of Mr. Fox. The re-union was cordial, and the event was celebrated by a special service in the church last spring. The mission has a church of its own on 9th Avenue near 50th Street, well located to exert a good influence on a large class of foreign Germans in the city. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Reformed Church, Emporia.—Under the care of the Board two years—members, 25; unconfirmed members, 25; baptisms, 6; additions, 6; losses, 11; cost of property, \$3000; indebtedness, \$600; for benevolence, \$5; for local objects, in addition to what was paid for the erection of the church, \$175. The new church was dedicated last November, amidst general rejoicing in the Mission, and among its friends on the outside. The event helped to inspire confidence and to place the Mission on a more permanent basis. Since June last, the pastor has been supplying a mission at Holton, in Jackson County, which had lost its pastor, and was suffering seriously. Under his care it has revived somewhat, and a catechetical class has been formed. He also preached at Whiting, twelve miles distant from Holton, and has been preparing the way for organizations at Valley Falls and Harensville, with the view of connecting these points with Holton, and so form a pastoral charge. He further visited Iola, in Kansas, and Raymore in Missouri, near the State line, baptized the children, and sought to prepare the way for the labors of a missionary in the future. His attention was directed to other points, but his time would not allow him to visit them. The missionary labors under the disadvantage of not owning a conveyance, and is without the means of hiring one when needed to enable him to visit various points in the neighborhood. After these openings for the establishment of new missions were reported, the Board deemed it necessary to send another missionary to Kansas, and accordingly, commissioned the Rev. L. M. Hensell, of Virginia, at his own request, to proceed to Kansas, and to co-operate with Mr. Shoemaker in cultivating the field, which seemed

to be whitening for the harvest. Mr. Hensell, when last heard from, was at Iola, examining the ground with the view of locating himself and commencing his missionary work. Mr. Shoemaker found that his support was inadequate, and it was to some extent supplemented by missionary boxes and gifts of money last winter from the friends of missions in the East. Similar help will be needed to sustain both of our missionaries in Kansas, and the one in Nebraska, during the coming winter. Unless something of this kind is done, we fear that they will be driven from the field. As the Board has commenced missionary operations in these two States, it will be necessary for the Church to sustain the missionaries in their self-denying work, or else all that we have been doing thus far will come to nought. Appropriation to Mr. Shoemaker, \$300. For travelling expenses, \$100. Appropriation to Mr. Hensell, \$300.

NEBRASKA.

Aurora.—Last spring the Rev. Edmond Erb was commissioned as missionary to Nebraska at his own request. He was to some extent acquainted with the field, and felt himself strongly moved to give up his charge in Ohio, in order that he might supply the membership of the church in Nebraska, scattered about as sheep without a shepherd, with the means of grace, and gather them together into congregations. The Board were pleased to accept of his offer to labor in the waste places of our Zion in the Far West. He has now been several months in the field, and most of his time has been occupied in making explorations. He reports that he finds members of the Reformed Church in many places, some of whom have left the church of their fathers, whilst many were still waiting for a minister of their own faith to preach to them the gospel. He has located himself at Aurora, and made it the centre of his missionary operations. He preaches at present in the court-house in the town, and at several school-houses in the country, where he expects soon to organize congregations. His work commends itself to the sympathy and prayers of the church. Appropriation \$300. Pastor, Edmond Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

Salem's Church, Napa.—The spiritual interests of this mission suffered much from the want of a pastor during the previous year. When the present missionary took charge of it, about one year ago, very few members seemed to be left—apparently only two. He has, however, succeeded in gathering together the scattered sheep, and the condition of the mission has improved under his care. Members, 67. Baptisms, 8. Gathered in, 65. Benevolence, \$13. Local objects, \$330. Cost of property, \$4,000. Indebtedness, \$500. Reduction of indebtedness during the year, \$50. Under the care of the Board eight years. Indifference to the claims of missions, on the part of many of the foreign Germans, presents many difficulties in the way of the mission, but faithful labor among them is sure to bear good fruit. The field is large, and more laborers are needed to assist in cultivating it as it should be. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, E. DeGeller.

Alameda.—The Rev. Charles Hartman, of Indiana, having expressed a desire to labor among the foreign Germans in California, was commissioned as missionary to Alameda last spring. He took charge of the mission that had been served for a time by one who turned out to

be unworthy of his office. He found many of his countrymen who needed the gospel, but manifested little or no interest in having it preached to them. They had, in some degree, lost confidence in ministers, as well as in Christianity itself. This made the beginning of his work somewhat inauspicious, but he has not become discouraged. He preaches at present in a rented hall, and has succeeded in gathering the children together into a Sunday-school, which is growing, and promises well for the future. The beginning seems to be feeble, and the work arduous; but we have the assurance that brother Hartman's labors for the souls of men will not be in vain in the end. He is well qualified for the work which he has undertaken, and is much needed to assist the brethren already in the field in planting the pure Christian faith in the place of Satan's synagogue. Appropriation, \$400. Pastor, C. Hartman.

OREGON.

Portland.—Membership, 172; 110 at Portland, 13 at Sandy, organized into a congregation during the year. 50 at German Creek and the Dalles, also lately organized. Two Sunday-schools, with ninety scholars. Something over \$1,000 were raised for congregational purposes, such as salary, sexton, fuel, and the debt of \$365 mentioned in last year's report. \$70 were raised in the congregation for the completion of a new church in Rev. Lange's charge. The missionary has spent much time in exploring the country and in organizing new churches, and it has become necessary to send other laborers into the field to assist him in his work. Accordingly two new missionaries were commissioned by the Board at its late meeting, to labor in Oregon, in fields to be assigned to them by the Classis of Portland. They came from the Pilger-Mission of St. Chrischona, at Basel, Switzerland, and are highly recommended for the work by Inspector Rappard. Their names are A. Kreuter and F. Ewald. Pastor Gantenbein says that, in addition to the points which he has been trying to hold until relief should come, there are yet a dozen prominent cities and German settlements of great promise to our church on the north Pacific coast, as yet untouched by us, which we should take possession of soon, before it is too late. Appropriation, last year, \$250. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—The annual report of this mission has failed to reach us, and so we cannot give statistics. The missionary serves two small congregations of Germans, one at Salem, the capital of the State, which is still without a church, and the other at Waldo Hills, which completed its church during the year for something over \$500. He preaches at other points, in school-houses and private houses. Latterly he has been preaching regularly at Mehannah, a summer resort, which in the course of time might be made the centre of a new missionary field. He continues to explore the country, to visit from house to house, and to encourage his fellow-countrymen to wait in faith until Providence sends them a shepherd to gather them into the folds of their own church. Appropriation, last year, \$250; this year, \$200. Pastor, Jacob Muellhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas Co.—Under the Board 2¾ years. Congregations, 3. Members, 70. Additions, 47. Gain, 43. Baptisms, 5. S. S. scholars, 39. Local objects, \$400. During the past year the pastor, Rev. Julius Lange, organized two new congregations, one at Oregon City, and the other at

New Era, seven miles distant. The first, the St. Peter's Church, owns three acres of land, on which there is a parsonage, which serves at present as a house of worship. The second, the St. John's Church, has taken measures to put up a new church for its use. An eligible piece of ground has been donated for the purpose, and subscriptions in money, labor and material secured. As the people are mostly beginners, and still poor, the Board, in accordance with the request of the Portland Classis, has contributed \$50 to encourage and assist in this movement. The small church erected by the congregation at Meridian, referred to in last year's report, has been finished, and is now paid for. It is worth \$650 at present, and in a short time it will be worth considerably more. Brother Lange, owing to fewness of laborers in the field, has preached at various other points within the bounds of the Classis. His health, which had somewhat suffered in consequence of his arduous labors, has, we are glad to report, been restored to him. Appropriation, last year, \$200; this year the same. Pastor, Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla.—This mission was supplied for some time by Rev. George Maechtersheimer. During the past year, by the advice of his Classis, he was induced to transfer his labors to another place in the Territory. The field is still vacant, and, as it is an important one, efforts will be made to supply it with a suitable missionary, it is hoped, at an early day. Appropriation last year, \$200, Vacant.

Seattle, Puget Sound.—By the advice of the Portland Classis, Mr. Maechtersheimer was commissioned to labor as missionary at this point. He was well received by his fellow-countrymen, and his prospects of success in this field are encouraging. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer,

Ursinus Union.—The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Church and Committee of the Ursinus Union, reports that since the last annual meeting of Synod he has received for missionary purposes, \$760.49. Three hundred dollars of this amount has passed through the hands of our Treasurer for the support of a mission under the care of the Board. The balance has been paid into the Treasuries of other missionary boards of the church.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions.....	45
Members in the missions.....	4,159
Baptisms during the year.....	470
Additions during the year.....	588
Sunday-school scholars.....	3,406
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$932
" " local objects.....	\$18,929
Cost of property.....	\$164,000
Indebtedness	\$27,450

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the treasurer's report it will appear that the income of the Board during the year, from all sources, was \$12,220.85. To this, however,

must be added over \$1,000, received by the treasurer for the Washington Chapel, not included in the income as given above. The amount then would be \$13,294. Last year the income was \$15,403, which was larger than usual, because many of the contributions came in the form of thank-offerings for the return of peace and reconciliation in the church—supposed to be \$5,000. The difference between the receipts of the two years is less than was anticipated, and the income during the past year was larger than during any previous ordinary year. There was due our missionaries in salary, on the first of October, \$4,000, with a balance in the treasury of \$1,240.

The following statement of the income of the Board for missions in former years—since 1860—may be interesting and instructive at the present time :

Income from 1860 to 1865—five years.....	\$28,538
“ “ 1865 to 1869, from the whole church, all the Synods.....	42,487
“ “ 1869 to 1873, from all the Synods.....	19,616
“ “ 1873 to 1877, from three Synods, on the tri-Synodic plan.....	36,315
“ “ 1877 to 1881, on the tri-Synodic plan cont'd	46,019

For the coming year the Board will need \$15,000 at least—more if possible—in order to meet current expenses ; for which we suggest that the three Synods interested be requested to adopt measures to raise the following amounts :

The Synod of the United States.....	\$8,500
The Synod of the Potomac.....	3,750
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	2,750

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Synods request each congregation within their bounds, to take up one collection during the year, for the purpose of creating a Church Building Fund, to assist missions to erect churches, either in the way of a loan or a donation.

That the Synods request all the ministers and pastoral charges to be more careful hereafter, that the assessments made for missions be more fully met.

That missionary festivals be held in each Classis, and in the different congregations ; that missionary societies be organized and encouraged in each congregation or Sunday School ; that missionary intelligence be diffused in all our churches, and our people be urged to give more liberally, so that our missionaries may be more promptly paid and encouraged in their work.

A RETROSPECT.

As the period for which the Superintendent of Missions was appointed by the three Synods, conjointly, comes to a close during the present year, it is proper at this time to make a brief review of our missionary work during the period of time he has been in office. It is a matter of encouragement to the Church that the cause of missions has been prospered, and that it has not been without manifest tokens of the divine favor.

Most of the missions reported four years ago, are still under the care of the Board. Only a few of them have become self-sustaining. Others, to a greater or less extent, are approaching to the point when they will be able to provide for themselves. The most marked feature of our missionary work during that period of time is found in its enlargement or expansion. Following, what were deemed clear indications of Divine Providence, the Board established a number of new and interesting missions. The mission at Johnstown, from an humble and inauspicious beginning, has grown up and is making cheering progress, having secured for itself a church of its own, not encumbered with any remaining debt. Other missions have been established within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod—at Latrobe, New Castle, and more recently at other points, which, however, have not as yet, been supplied with missionary pastors. St. Luke's mission, at Lancaster, Pa., which grew out of a Mission Sunday-School, was commenced in 1879, and has been successful in erecting for itself a new Church, with no large amount of indebtedness resting on it. The present missionary at Emporia, Kansas, was commissioned in the year 1879. He organized the flock, which had been gathered together by his predecessor, into a congregation, and has been successful in putting up a neat church for its use, whilst he has explored different parts of the State, and visited various places where members of the Reformed Church have settled. Quite recently the Board has sent out another missionary to co-operate with him in building up the waste places of our Zion in that State. Last spring a missionary was commissioned to the neighboring State of Nebraska, where he finds many members of our church, among whom he proposes to build up missionary churches. The Mission in San Francisco became self-supporting some three years ago, and it soon became necessary for the Board to commission another laborer to assist in carrying forward the work of missions among the Foreign Germans in San Francisco and suburbs. Four years ago we had only two missionaries in Oregon and Washington territory; now we have four, and we will have six, as soon as two, from the Missionary Institute of St. Chrischona, Basel, now in this county, shall have reached their field of labor. The first mission in Oregon was started about six years ago at Portland. It is now nearly or quite self-supporting—a source of encouragement and hope to other missions growing up around it. The increase of laborers on the Pacific Coast led to the formation of two Classes instead of one. The Mission of Middlebrook, Va., has become self-supporting, and a new one established in the neighborhood. In North Carolina, three new missions have commenced within the past year, which it is hoped will assist in reviving and strengthening our Church in the South.

But whilst we have endeavored to provide for the spiritual wants of our people in the West and the South, and in smaller towns and villages in the East, we have not overlooked the destitution of our larger cities. Over one year ago we undertook to assist the eastern German Board in sustaining a German mission in the city of New York; have lately commenced a promising English mission in Philadelphia, and are just about adopting measures to establish one in the city of Baltimore. It is only the want of means that has prevented us from having an English mission in the city of Boston, and extending our work among the foreign Germans in New England. The mission in Washington, D. C., is now in its fourth year, and has encouraging prospects of permanence and success. All this shows, that, limited as our resources are, we can, with

prudence and care, extend our work also into our large cities, and build up churches for our people, who are continually flowing into them from the country.

As system and order are necessary in carrying forward the work of missions—just as much as in any other enterprise—it has been a primary object with the Board to encourage and foster missionary societies in our congregations and Sunday-schools. During the last four years many of these have sprung up in all directions, and have proved themselves to be a blessing to the churches, as well as perennial sources of increase to our missionary treasury. To supply these societies with missionary intelligence, as well as to awaken still more the missionary spirit among our people, a monthly missionary paper has been published under the direction of the Board, which, if properly encouraged, cannot fail, as we believe, to become one of the most potent agents in advancing our missionary interests.

From this brief review, as well as from what has appeared in our reports from year to year, it will appear that the cause of missions is advancing—making some progress among us. As a consequence, our people are becoming more interested in this department of benevolence, and their liberality is improving. During the last four years the entire amount raised for missions, as reported regularly through our treasurer was in round numbers \$46,000. The amount actually contributed, but not so reported, was considerable. It would be difficult to give the precise amount. During the previous four years the amount reported was \$36,000, showing an increase of \$10,000 during the second term of what has come to be known as the Tri-Synodic Plan.

But whilst these facts go to show that the Reformed Church in the East has made a good beginning in its missionary enterprises, it should, however, be remembered that it is only a beginning. Our increasing liberality has fallen far short of the providential openings, which God is making to us, and most manifestly inviting us to enter and cultivate. As a denomination we have the means—and we hope the heart also—of doing much more for our Divine Lord, who has done so much for us. We have, in fact, great reason to humble ourselves in the dust and to hide our faces in shame when we call to mind what we might do, and listen to the urgent calls that are made upon us for help in the many waste places of our country. It is a cause in which we can no longer stand still or be indifferent, without being guilty of the commission of a great sin, and of the perpetration of a great wrong upon those who call to us for help in their time of need. It is becoming more and more a matter that should cause ministers and members to fear and tremble, lest God should withdraw altogether the light of His countenance. Upon us, therefore, ministers of the gospel, the shepherds of the flocks, committed to our care, more especially, lies a solemn responsibility to cry aloud and spare not, until our Reformed Zion awakes from her slumbers, and puts on her strength and her beautiful garments.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,

Superintendent of Missions.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 4, 1881.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I regret to announce to the Board and through it to the Synods and the Church at large, that the finances are not in as promising a condition as at the date of my last annual report.

The contributions have fallen off very seriously during the year, being more than twenty-four hundred dollars less than during the previous year.

Some of the Classes have, it is very gratifying to state, increased their contributions very handsomely, but others also, have come far behind.

The present indebtedness of the Board to the Missionaries is nearly \$4,000.00, towards paying which there is in the Treasury a balance of \$1,230.97, leaving an actual indebtedness of more than \$2,700.00. Unless the Church manifests more liberality during the present year, the number of Missions must be reduced, and the salaries of the Missionaries cut down. Such a step is painful to contemplate, and it is earnestly hoped may be averted by God's people increasing their offerings so that His reign may be extended and His kingdom come.

The following statement exhibits the sources and amounts contributed for Missions, viz.:

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 116.00	
" Tohickon	689.28	
" Goshenhoppen	1,536.75	
" East Pennsylvania	809.45	
" Lebanon	1,529.61	
" Lancaster	761.45	
" East Susquehanna	353.00	
" West Susquehanna	662.20	
" Lehigh	473.74	
Total from the Synod of the United States	————	\$6,931.48

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$ 387.15	
" Maryland	910.12	
" Mercersburg	1,006.25	
" Virginia	170.95	
" San Francisco	15.00	
" North Carolina	72 41	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac	— —	\$2,561.88

Synod of Pittsburgh.

From the Treasurer of Synod	————	\$2,062.49
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Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy, (principal)	\$500.00	
" " " (interest)	135.00	
" Adelaide Dechant legacy (interest)	24.00	
" Gerhard " "	6.00	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 11, 1880	963.86	
	————	\$1,628.86
Total from all sources		\$13,184.71

Disbursements.

Paid orders of the Board during year	\$11,568.74	
“ Treasurer of the Iowa Classis	35.00	
“ “ “ “ per Treas. Pittsburgh		
Synod	850.00	
Bal. in Treasury	1,230.97	
		<u>\$13,184.71</u>

Respectfully submitted, Wm. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church, for that purpose, beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct, with a balance of \$1,230.97 in the Treasury.

Witness our hands this 3rd day of October, 1881.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
D. W. GROSS.
Committees.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AS ADOPTED.

Your committee would respectfully offer the following :

The following documents were referred to us: The report of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions; the report of the Treasurer of said Board; the Superintendent's report; item 1 of report of Committee on Synodical minutes; an overture from Iowa Classis; a communication from the Secretary of the Tri-Synodic Board.

It is a subject of great rejoicing that of late years, the cause of Missions, home and foreign, has received marked attention amongst us. Renewed efforts have been made to seek out new fields to be occupied in the home field and to strengthen those Missions which have thus far been under our care, so that the number of Missions under the care of our Board has been increased. The liberality of the Church towards Missions has also received a great impetus by the special efforts put forth during the year 1880, for the Peace offering. The happy results of that movement stand out as unprecedented in the history of Missionary activity in the Reformed Church.

The receipts of the Treasurer for the year now closing, it is true, have not been as large as at the close of last year. But in our judgment, there seems to be no cause for alarm lest the Board might not be able to pay its Missionaries as promptly as the circumstances may be desirable. By a united effort throughout the Church, the fears expressed in this direction, will be more imaginary than real. The command of our exalted Redeemer, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is ever and anon addressed to His servants, so that the time may soon come, when the nations of the earth shall become the nations of "our Lord and his Christ." Let the ministers and churches of Pittsburgh Synod, then, true to their former energy and zeal, again buckle on the armor, and prepare to do valiant service in spreading the glories of our Redeemer's kingdom.

Your committee recommend the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod adopt the resolution of General Synod commending the cause of Missions to the District Synods, and that the attention of Synod's Board of Missions be called to the request of General Synod's Board, that they furnish the Board of General Synod with a statement of their labors and financial condition at least one month before its Triennial Meeting.

2. Resolved, That in addition to the amounts already pledged towards the support of Iowa Missions, Synod appropriate \$250.00 for the present year.

3. *Resolved*, That ministers and pastoral charges be more careful in fully meeting the annual apportionment made upon them for Missions.

4. *Resolved*, That Missionary festivals be held in each Classis or congregation, and that Missionary Societies be organized and Missionary intelligence be circulated within their respective bounds.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod appropriate for the present year the sum of \$2,750.00 for Missions, as designated by the Board.

6. *Resolved*, That we heartily recommend the cause of Foreign Missions to the benevolence of pastors and charges.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PILGRAM,
S. Z. BEAM,
C. GUMBERT,
ADAM KAMERER,
I. SHUPE.

A missionary meeting was held on Saturday evening, presided over by Rev. S. Z. Beam, President of the Synodical Board. Rev. Dr. P. S. Davis, Editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*, and Rev. Dr. Theo. Appel, Supt. of Missions, delivered addresses. One half of the collection was devoted to the Mission at Washington, D. C., and the other half to the New Era Mission, Washington territory.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

BRETHREN:—The Board of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary present their annual report:

The usual meetings have been held during the year and the routine business of the Board has been transacted.

We received a copy of the action of the Synod of the United States, directing our Treasurer to "pay all orders drawn on him by the President of the Board of Visitors, for all incidental and legitimate expenses incurred by the Board in the transaction of its business."

We have not complied with this action for the very sufficient reason that we are about three hundred dollars (\$300.00) short of sufficient funds to meet the legitimate expenses of the Seminary proper, and we do not take the action to mean that these drafts shall take precedence of the regular standing obligations, such as Professors' salaries, coal, light, etc., incurred in running the Institution.

We doubt, also, the authority of the Synod of the United States, to pass such action without the concurrence of the other two Synods represented in both the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Seminary.

Since our last report some of our investments have been paid and we have been compelled to re-invest at 5 per cent. interest, and we are now notified by holders of \$13,000.00 of our funds that unless we allow them to retain their loans at 5 per cent. they will pay them. Our experience is only the same as others. The Treasurer of the Synod of the United States has had to invest at the same rate of interest, and so also the Finance Committee of Franklin and Marshall College.

About \$1,000.00 of our endowment fund bears no interest and is practically worthless, consisting of Classical notes, etc., which by tacit consent the Synod

of the United States has never authorized us to push to collection; if ordered, they are collectable.

Another source of unavoidable expense is the keeping up of the Professors' houses. The heating apparatus and other absolutely necessary repairs will amount, this year, to over \$200.00 in excess of our regular expenses for repairs.

In view of these facts we think that instead of adding to the drafts upon our Treasurer, it may be necessary, in the near future for some provision to be made to aid us in carrying forward and meeting the legitimate and unavoidable expenses incurred in running the Institution.

Two years ago the Synod of the United States, passed an action requesting the congregations to pay to our Treasurer the proceeds of one collection during the year. The total receipts from this source were \$24.00. From this result it appears that nearly every Pastor present and voting for this action, went home to his charge and ignored the request of Synod.

We call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., leased by the Synod of the United States, to the regents of Mercersburg College, has been advertised for sale by the Sheriff of Franklin County during the past year. The regents of the College have mortgaged the lease, and on this mortgage judgment has been obtained, and the Sheriff advertised it for sale. We consider the property in danger so long as this mortgage is suffered to remain. It is for the Synod of the United States (with the concurrence, in our judgment) of the two other Synods to determine if any action is needed to protect the interests of the Church in this property. If it should be sold under this mortgage it may pass out of the control of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President*,
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*,
ED. T. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec'y*.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 6, 1881.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN B ROTH, *Treasurer of the Reformed Church in the U. S. in acct.*, Dr.

Endowment Fund of Oct. 1, 1881.

Total of Fund	\$69,299 76
Of this sum \$2,000 yields no interest.	

Dr.

For sundry interests received from Oct. 1, 1880 to Oct. 1, 1881 . .	\$4,946 99
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Cr.

By sundry bills and salary paid per vouchers to	
Seminary Board	\$6,382 66
Amount Dr. brought down	4,946 99
Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1, 1881	\$1,435 67

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund	\$2,069 96
Oct. 1, 1881. For sundry interest received to date and in hand .	\$245 42

Cr.

Oct. 1. 1881, By sundry bills paid to date	115 54
Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$129 88

Smaltz Fund.

Amount of Fund	\$5,000 00
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DR.

Oct 1, 1881. For Balance in hand Oct 1, 1880, and sundry interest received to date \$333 39

CR.

Oct. 1, 1881. By sundry orders paid by Treasurer \$333 39

Building Fund.

Oct. 1. 1880. Amount reported to Board \$12,396 05
March 24, 1881. Note paid 300 00

Total of Fund Oct. 1, 1881 \$12,696 05

Pittsburgh Prof. Fund,

Oct. 1, 1881. Amount of Fund \$1,718 30

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas.*

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1881.

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
EDW'D. J. ZAHM.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1881.

III. REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary through the undersigned presents to your honorable body the following as their annual report:

At the opening of the Seminary in September a year ago, the following persons were admitted as members of the Junior Class, ofurteen in number: Solomon A. Ault, Benjamin F. Bausman, William F. Faber, George W. Gerhard, Daniel N. Harnish, John A. Hoobaugh, Alfred P. Horn, Charles W. Levan, Henry H. Sangree, David B. Schneder, Frank W. Smith, Adam S. Weber, James A. Wickert and George A. Zeller. All are regular graduates, with the exception of one, who was admitted to the partial course, but has been pursuing all the branches prescribed in the regular course. Mr. Hoobaugh, after continuing his studies during part of the year, withdrew from the Seminary.

The Rev. S. Olin Garrison, an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, having previously studied several years in the Drew Theological Seminary of his own Church, wishing to avail himself of the opportunity afforded him by his residence as Missionary in Lancaster city, to complete his Theological course, was admitted to the privileges of the Seminary and finished his studies with the Senior Class.

As a matter of regret we are under the necessity of stating that several of the students were compelled to absent themselves from the Seminary during the whole or a part of the year on account of ill health, or because they found it necessary to engage in teaching, in order to secure to themselves, the means of sustaining themselves in the future prosecution of their studies. The conduct and diligence of the students in the discharge of their duties as a general thing have been reported as good and commendable. They have sought to make themselves useful in the Sunday-school and elsewhere, and during the year a new interest has been awakened among them in the Missionary work and fostered in their weekly meetings. The examinations at the close of the

year were listened to with much interest by the Board and were approved as satisfactory.

The members of the Senior Class, having completed the prescribed course of studies and sustained their final examination creditably in the presence of the Board, received a regular certificate of dismissal prepared for this purpose and setting forth these facts, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last, eleven in number. Their names are as follows: Albert A. Black, T. A. Fenstermaker, S. O. Garrison, Edwin A. Gernant, Edgar A. Hassler, Cosmos H. Herbst, Newton J. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser, George B. Resser, Calvin S. Slagle and Joshua Wolbach. With a few exceptions they have entered upon the pastoral work and are occupying fields of usefulness in the Church.

The Board is satisfied with the work done by the Seminary during the past year and think there is cause for thankfulness and gratitude to the Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity with which He has favored our School of the Prophets. The whole number of students reported in the annual catalogue, present and absent, was 31.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL.
Secretary of Board.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1881.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

The Committee on Theological Seminary would report that the following documents came into our hands :

The reports, of the Trustees, of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

In view of what appears in these papers, we propose the following action : In reference to the Seminary property, at Mercersburg, Pa., we recommend the following :

Resolved, That our representatives in the Board of Trustees, be requested at the next meeting of the Board, to inquire into the facts in the case and try to secure such action as may be demanded.

Resolved, That we record our devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for the increased number of students in the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted, JAC. F. WIAIT,

J. DOTTERER,

J. M. EVANS,

W. W. WIESTER,

JOHN LOBAH.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREENSBURG SEMINARY.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would respectfully offer the following :

We held one meeting in connection with the Commencement exercises of the Greensburg Seminary in June last, at which Rev. J. W. Love was re-elected President and Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Secretary. The only business claiming attention was the interests of our Synod's School above named. We are glad to report this institution in a flourishing condition. About fifty pupils were in attendance during the past year, throughout each of the several sessions. The principal, Rev. L. Cort, has the assistance of five excellent teachers in the different departments.

Twenty scholarships were sold since the last meeting of Synod. Many more ought to be sold, if a suitable agent could be procured to canvass the bounds of the Synod. But whether scholarships are sold or not it is earnestly hoped

that our young people will avail themselves of the advantages of this good Christian School,—as good of its class as can be found any where in any denomination.

The term of office of Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, A. E. Truxal and Elder T. J. Craig, expire with this meeting of Synod, instead of whom two are to be elected as per order of Synod to elect two instead of three trustees annually.

J. W. LOVE, *President of Board.*

II. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

Report of the Board of Directors, for the Year ending May 31, 1881.

Beloved Brethren of the Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Directors of your Orphan Home, are happy to be able to report the usual prosperity and good success of the Home in the past, as in previous years. Good health has prevailed throughout the year. The generous charity of the Church has enabled us to provide for the usual number of destitute children. The instruction and training of the orphans, under the efficient labors of Professor Mackey, has given entire satisfaction. The products of the farm have been as abundant as in the previous years.

The children regularly attend divine services, as also Sunday-school training in the Reformed Church in the town of Butler, of which the Superintendent of the Home is the pastor. In addition to which there is also held, each Sunday, at 4 P. M., a special service in the chapel of the Home, which all its inmates are required to attend.

The Board regrets to have to say that six of the boys, at various times during a period of about three months, purloined different sums of money from the Superintendent's desk; four of whom were dismissed by the Board after a thorough investigation of all the facts.

Urged by the imperative necessities of the case—the efficiency of the Home, and the safety of the whole property demanding it—the Board has decided to erect, in the coming spring, a new wing in place of the now dangerous and much decayed old wooden structure. The new wing is to be of brick, two stories high, 28x40 feet, well and substantially built, and finished in all respects; and is to cost fifteen hundred dollars; and hereby, respectfully and most earnestly requests this Synod to take such action as it may deem best to secure this amount against early spring, as well as increased gifts in aid of so blessed a work of Christian charity as the feeding of the helpless little ones.

The cash receipts were—

From the State, \$2,140 73; from all other sources, \$1,457.19; total, \$3,597.92; and the total expenditures were \$3,541.09, leaving a balance in Treasury, June 1, 1881, of \$56.83.

The old garden being entirely too small to meet the wants of the Home, the Board, at considerable expense, has paved in a space of such dimensions as will meet all wants for years to come.

With devout gratitude to the Giver of all good, for His manifold blessings in the past, and with the earnest request for the prayers and the good wishes of this Synod in behalf of this Home of the homeless, we pass on to our labors of love for another year.

The time of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod:—Revs. John McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MCCONNELL.

President of the Board.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Your Committee on Literary Institutions begs leave to offer the following :

Two papers were referred to us, the one a report from the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and the other a report from the Board of Literary Institutions.

In regard to the different items presented in these papers we suggest the following action.

1. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prosperity and usefulness of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and commend it anew to the prayerful consideration and to the charities of our people; and request our Sunday-schools and churches, if possible, to increase their contributions to this object so that a larger number of those knocking for entrance may be admitted to the protection and fostering care of the Home.

2. *Resolved*, That we are glad to learn that Greensburg Seminary is in a flourishing condition, and that we hope its usefulness may be still further enlarged by the continuation of the sale of scholarships and by the accession of pupils from all sections of the church.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend this Institution of learning to our young people, male and female, seeking an education, as affording them facilities equal to those of any similar institution.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
S. H. EISENBERG,
J. S. WAGNER,
J. H. ZIMMERMAN,
AARON FRITZ.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL S. S. BOARD AS ADOPTED.

The Sunday-school Board would submit the following report :

The Board held two meetings during the year. It prepared the following programme :

Programme.

1. Family nurture in its relation to the Sunday-school.

Revs. J. H. Prugh and W. W. Deatrick.

2. Elements of successful teaching in the Sunday-school.

Revs. H. King and R. C. Bowling.

3. Importance of a Teachers' meeting and the best methods of conducting it.

Revs. F. Pilgram and D. B. Lady.

4. In what way can this Synod best promote the Sunday-school work ?

Revs. J. F. Wiant and B. B. Ferer.

The Board recommends that Friday evening be devoted to this cause. That the opening address be limited to ten minutes, and all others to five minutes, and that 200 copies of this programme be printed and the Synod be asked to pay the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN,
J. McCONNELL,
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,
J. S. WAGNER.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

REPORT OF BOARD FOR 1880-1881.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The work of Beneficiary Education committed to the care of your Board was carried forward during the past year with energy and success. Nine students have been under our care during the year; of these one completed his course of studies and is now in the work of the ministry; another, Lewis Reiter, notified us of his ability to sustain himself in the future; another supported himself during the year but will need aid hereafter. Two young men were received under our care during the year, viz.: Cyrus M. Hartzel, of Westmoreland Classis and Alex. M. Kifer, upon the recommendation of Clarion Classis. All seem to have pursued their studies with due diligence, and to have conducted themselves in a becoming way. Neither reproof nor discipline has been necessary in any case.

In view of the increased cost of living the Board requests Synod to increase the appropriation to \$150.00 per annum. The present appropriation to each student is \$125.00.

Our Receipts during the year were as follows:

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 13, 1880,	\$309 00
Received of T. J. Craig, Treasurer of Synod,	500.00
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	\$809.00
Paid to beneficiaries,	711.00
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Balance,	98 00

We request an appropriation of \$1000.00 to carry forward the work during the coming year.

We also call your attention to the fact that the term of Rev. L. Cort, has expired. Respectfully submitted, C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
October 7, 1881. *President of Board.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Education would report that the only paper claiming their attention is the Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education, the several items of which have been adopted by Synod, with the exception of one, to wit: a request from the Board that the appropriation for beneficiaries be increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00 per annum.

Your committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. WOLBACH, C. U. HEILMAN,
R. C. BOWLING, JACOB BRINKER,
JOHN D. PHILIPPI.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Annual Report of the Board of Publication from August 1st, 1880, to July 1st, 1881.

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits the following report:—

The Board during the year has held one special and three regular meetings. At each due attention was given to the interests entrusted to their charge. It takes great pleasure in reporting a continued improvement in its affairs. In all of the departments there has been an increase of receipts, and in the case of some of the Periodicals—as last year—the increase has been very decided. Only two of the latter have suffered a decrease in the number of subscribers, viz :—*The Reformed Quarterly*, to the number of 27, and the monthly *Child's Treasury*, to the number of 490, less than last year, whilst in the others, the increase over all discontinuances is very considerable, showing a gradual and permanent gain. The following is the excess of additions over discontinuances in each case : *Messenger*, 276 ; *Guardian*, 249 ; *Child's Treasury*, (semi-monthly), 674 ; *Sunshine*, 932 ; and *Lesson Papers*, 1768. In the case of the *Messenger* it may be remembered that the number of subscribers it now has, is for the double sheet alone, so that in comparing the number of subscribers with that of last year, we find the increase is all told a small fraction over one thousand (1000). Also in the case of the *Child's Treasury*, whilst there has been a decrease in the number of subscribers for the *Monthly*, there has been a corresponding increase in those of the *Semi-monthly*.

In the Book Department, as a whole, there is an improvement. There seems to be a more general disposition on the part of the ministers and members of the Church to give it their patronage. And this they certainly owe to it, since it is the establishment of the Church, and, that not for the benefit pecuniarily of any particular individuals, but for that of the Church. There is still, we are sorry to say, a disposition on the part of too many to give their patronage to outside parties and ignore altogether the claims of their own Publication House. The Board would here emphatically reiterate the fact, that it has the ability and facilities for supplying any book or books at the same rates at which they can be had at any other house. Nothing, verily, is saved to the parties thus giving their orders to other houses, whilst it is that much gain to our own house, if they favor it with them. During the year, 31,850 copies of books, &c., were printed for this department.

The usual Committee to whom is assigned the special duty of taking an account of stock and investigating the financial condition of the establishment, was appointed. They attended to their duty and submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

“ Brethren of the Board of Publication :

“ Your Committee appointed to take account of stock and report upon the assets and liabilities of the Board, respectfully offer the following. We find the Book department in good condition. We still have a considerable amount of unsaleable stock on hand, on much of which we place no estimated value. There is also some of the stock that has depreciated in value, which we reduced accordingly in our estimate of assets.

After throwing out all stock as valueless upon which we could not realize at once, and deducting for depreciation of stock and all bad or doubtful accounts, we find the Assets to be in sum total \$12,949 47

Real Estate 35,000 00

\$77,949 47

Liabilities, \$34,434 48

Mortgage, 20,000 00

54,434 48

Excess of assets \$23,514 99

We are glad to be able to say that our expenses are now fully within our own income, and that the prospects are, we will be able gradually to reduce

our liabilities even after paying the heavy amount of interest to be met annually on mortgage and loans.

All our Periodicals are now self-sustaining, and some of them pay a handsome profit, which meets the interest account.

The wholesale department of the Book Store is also paying well, but the retail department falls considerably short of expenses, if we count reasonable rent for store room on second floor.

Through the energy of our attorney, Daniel H. Wingerd, Esq., a large amount has been collected on old accounts. We heartily recommend that the good work be continued without respect to persons, until all the old accounts be collected up.

The outlook is very encouraging, if the Synods will allow us to go forward in our own way, and our ministers and members will give us their confidence and patronage.

J. W. LOVE,	} Committee.
A. B. WINGERD,	
GEO. GELBACH,	

Whilst it is the pleasure of the Board to report thus encouragingly of the interests under its charge, it is made to have feelings of sadness, when it here chronicles the fact that ere its present financial year had reached its close, its Superintendent and Treasurer, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., was stricken down in the midst of his labors, and called up higher. Though death met him far from his home and the scene of his many years labor for the Church, he fell at his post of duty. It may well be said, that the present encouraging condition of the affairs of the Board, is mainly owing to his untiring energy and pronounced business qualifications, not to say, to his lifelong devotion and unselfish interest in the Publication affairs of the Church he loved so well, and for which he labored so abundantly. Verily, the Church will never know how much he has done and sacrificed in this particular, and owes him a great debt of gratitude for whatever she has to-day in the way of Publication interests. He closed his earthly career in the 72d year of his age, on Whitsunday (June 5th), 1881, in Tiffin, Ohio, whither he had gone to attend the meeting of the General Synod. His remains were borne to Chambersburg, and deposited in the Cemetery of the Reformed Church, alongside of beloved dead, there to await the resurrection morn.

Immediately upon the announcement of the death of its Superintendent and Treasurer, the Board, at the call of its President, met at its rooms in special session, June 16, 1881. It recognized the life and character of its late Superintendent and Treasurer, by adopting the following minute:—

The Board of Publication has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., in Tiffin, O., on Whitsunday. His intimate and long continued association with the Church has endeared and familiarized him to the great body of its members, and his intimate and cherished relations with this Board gained for him the confidence and love of all who compose it. Identified with the ministry of his Church for nearly fifty (50) years, and connected with its Publication interests for more than forty (40) years, the Church most sensibly felt and keenly appreciated his usefulness as pastor, preacher, editor and manager of its publications. Even "in a good old age," "his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." "He died in his harness," while engaged upon an important work for the Church, which, if he had been spared to complete, would have crowned his life of useful industry.

"As a shock of corn cometh in his season," has he been gathered by the Great Harvester to his eternal reward. "Neither shall his place know him any more on earth," but on the records of the Church, and in the hearts of its members, his memory shall be unfading. Where dwell the just made perfect, is the spirit of our dead brother and friend.

The Board at the same time requested the Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., to fill the place of Synodical Editor of the Eastern Synod, made vacant by the death of Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., until the next meeting of the Synod.

The Board also appointed Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, who had been his father's assistant for the past fifteen months, as its Superintendent and Treasurer until the meeting of Synods. Hence the business of the Board has gone on without any interruption and with usual care and attention, as the annual statement accompanying this report will show.

The Board, as has been mentioned in the report of the Committee of the Board, has been able to collect a goodly portion of its outstanding dues, and in this particular much is due to the Attorney of the Board, Daniel H. Wingerd, Esq. The Board has directed the Superintendent to push the matter of collections, so as to bring its business more and more to a cash basis.

The General Agent, H. K. Binkley, has met with signal success in adding to the number of subscribers to "*The Messenger*" during the year. The Board asks for him the earnest and hearty co-operation of the brethren of the Church, whose charges he may visit from time to time in the prosecution of the work he has undertaken—a work that concerns the whole Church.

The Board during the year accepted the resignation of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Editor of the "*Child's Treasury*," and appointed Rev. R. L. Gerhart, as his successor, who has already entered on his duties.

The Board has resolved to issue during the coming year, two (2) grades of Lesson Papers—Advanced and Primary. In order to have a uniform and satisfactory series of Lessons and Comments for the Church, the Board would respectfully ask the Synods to allow it to see to the editing and preparation of the same for the coming year.

At the Special Meeting of the Board held last June, it was informed of the disposal made by its late Superintendent and Treasurer, in his last will and Testament, of his original investment and advances as Treasurer, viz.: "that if the Board so wished, \$15,000.00 of the sum total should remain for the use of the Board for 15 years, provided, good security should be given for its payment at the end of that period and that the interest be regularly paid." The Board by way of arriving at a settlement with the Executor of the Estate—as to the actual amount due said estate, found it to be—up to June 16th, 1881, principal and interest, \$17,886.66.

In the same will, the late Superintendent, devises to the Board of Publication, the Stereotype plates and Copyrights of his books published by the Board, viz.: "*Exercises on Heidelberg Catechism*," "*Heidelberg Catechism Simplified*," and "*Family Assistant*."

Among the liabilities of the Board were two notes amounting to \$2,900.00 held by the Estate of Mrs. N. Fisher, dec'd, of which Hon. John Cessna is Administrator. The Administrator having informed the Board by letter that it was his desire to settle up the estate as soon as possible, the Board made provisions for the immediate payment of the same, by making a loan through a note for four (4) months, thrown in bank, endorsed by individual members of the Board. The Board would respectfully request the Synods to make arrangements for providing the Board with funds sufficient to cancel the loan thus made when it becomes due, in the usual proportions from each Synod.

The term of service of D. W. Gross, one of the Trustees from the Synod of the United States, and that of Rev. J. W. Love, from the Synod of Pittsburgh, will expire on Jan. 1st, 1882. Hence it will devolve upon these two Synods to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board at their Annual Sessions.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary pro tem*.
Philadelphia, Sept. 27th, 1881.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee on Publication would offer the following report:

The only papers that came into our hands were the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, from August 1, 1880, to July 31, 1881, and the Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from August 1, 1880, to August 1, 1881.

After a careful examination of these papers we find them satisfactory in every particular. We are glad that they show that the publication interests are in such a prosperous condition. The Board deserves credit for their skillful and successful management of all the business committed to their charge.

And in order to encourage them and relieve them of embarrassment in the future, we would respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That the Board be allowed the full control of the editing of the Sunday-School Lesson Leaves and Helps.

2. That the publication of Literature and all business affairs be placed entirely into the hands of the Board, to be managed according to their judgment.

3. Resolved. That Pastors be, and are hereby, ordered, to devote one collection in each congregation to the Publication Board before January 1, 1882. These collections are to be sent to the Synodical Treasurer, and he is to keep a separate account of this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
S. T. WAGNER,
J. W. PONTIOUS,
WM. WEITZEL,
JACOB ARMBERGER.

The Clerk was ordered to publish 2000 copies of the Synodical Minutes and distribute them as usual.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: With this your Treasurer presents his report of the monies received and disbursed by him during the past year, showing the total amount received, less the balance in treasury at beginning of the year, to be \$3766.38, and the amount paid out, \$4211.39, and the amount now in treasury for current disbursements, \$1256.70, and amount at interest for B. E., \$425.

The quarterly salary of our missionaries is now due, and your Treasurer only awaits the order from the Tri-Synodic Board to make payment of same.

You will see that the obligation for the payment of the \$1000 debt on the Cumberland church property is now paid in full.

Your Treasurer, using the discretion reposed in him by the Synod, compromised the balance of the Dr. Russell claim at the amount proposed by him, and it is now no longer an irritating subject of discussion at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer, In account with Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.*

CLARION CLASSIS.

1880.				DR.		
Oct. 18,	By Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treas.,				\$213	25
1881.						
Mar. 19,	"	"	"	"	262	95
June 3,	"	"	"	"	170	55
July 10,	"	"	"	"	364	82
Oct. 5,	"	"	"	"	109	74
						<hr/> 1121 41

1880. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Nov. 15,	By Rev. J.W. Love, Treas.				\$150	00
1881.						
Jan. 26,	"	"	"		100	00
Feb. 5,	"	"	"		100	00
April 6,	"	"	"		100	00
" 20,	"	"	"		100	00
May 4,	"	"	"		100	00
" 24,	"	"	"		100	00
June 13,	"	"	"		200	00
Aug. 10,	"	"	"		150	00
Oct. 4,	"	"	"		150	00
						<hr/> 1250 00

1880. ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Nov. 30,	By C. M. Bousch, Esq., Treas.,				\$ 74	80
1881.						
Feb. 9,	"	"	"	"	24	00
May 18,	"	"	"	"	45	00
June 16,	"	"	"	"	220	00
Sep. 15,	"	"	"	"	30	00
" 16,	"	"	"	"	68	89
Oct. 6,	"	"	"	"	52	23
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1881. SOMERSET CLASSIS.

May 12,	By Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Treas.,				\$124	85
June 6,	"	"	"	"	100	00
Aug. 10,	"	C. U. Heilman,	"		5	20
Sep. 29,	"	S. R. Bridenbaugh,	"		150	00
Oct. 6,	"	"	"	"	150	00
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1881. ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

May 24,	By T. J. Craig, Treas.,				\$250	00
Oct. 5,	"	"	"		100	00
1881.						<hr/> 350 00
Nov. 30,	From St. Paul's Classis, by C. M. Bousch, Esq.,					
	Treas., for St. Paul's Orphan Home				\$ 6	37
"	Interest, Nov. 11 to Oct. 1, 1881, on \$425 B. E.				23	38
1880.	Balance in hands of Treasurer				\$1701	71
Oct. 18,	Total rec'd from Clarion Classis				1121	41
"	" Westmoreland Classis				1250	00
"	" St. Paul's				514	92
"	" Somerset				530	05
"	" Allegheny				350	00
						<hr/> <hr/> \$5497 84

Total Receipts, including balance \$5497 84

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer, In account with Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.*

MISSIONS.

1880.	CR.		
Oct. 18,	To Rev. F. P. Hartmetz, Missionary,	\$ 58 33	
Nov. 22,	" D. S. Fouse, Treas., Iowa Mission	200 00	
1881.			
Jan. 8,	" Hiram King, Missionary,	230 00	
" 14,	" J. W. Knappenberger "	131 25	
" "	" J. M. Souders, "	112 50	
" "	" F. R. Schwedes "	50 00	
" 29,	" W. H. Bates "	125 00	
Feb. 8,	" F. P. Hartmetz "	25 00	
Mar. 19,	" H. King, by Recpt. Treas. Clarion Classis,	33 33	
Apr. 13,	" J. W. Knappenberger, Missionary	131 25	
" 22,	" J. M. Souders "	112 50	
" "	" S. H. Eisenberg "	66 66	
" "	" F. R. Schwedes "	50 00	
May 2,	" W. H. Bates "	125 00	
" 13,	" F. P. Hartmetz "	25 00	
July 5,	" J. W. Knappenberger "	137 50	
" "	" S. H. Eisenberg "	50 00	
" "	" W. H. Bates "	125 00	
Aug. 20,	" J. M. Souders "	112 50	
" 3,	" F. R. Schwedes "	50 00	
" 11,	" D. S. Fouse, Treas. Iowa, "	150 00	
Jan. 12,	" W. H. Seibert, Recpt.,	8 50	
			2104 32

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1880.			
Dec. 10,	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treas.,	\$150 00	
1881.			
Mar. 31,	" " "	200 00	
Aug. 20,	" " "	100 00	
Sep. 17,	" " "	50 00	
			500 00

SYNODICAL EXPENSES.

1881.			
May 12,	Stated Clerk expense Mailing Minutes	\$ 16 35	
" 19,	Apt. by General Synod	100 00	
June 6,	Salary of Stated Clerk	50 00	
Aug. 11,	Printing Minutes	90 00	
" "	Expenses Synod's Mission Board	11 95	
Oct. 6,	" " " "	7 40	
			275 70

SUNDRY PAYMENTS.

1881.			
Feb. 8,	On Russell Claim	\$200 00	
Mar. 9,	" " in full by compromise	200 00	
1880.			
Nov. 30,	St. Paul's Orphans' Home	6 37	
Sep. 9,	Cumberland Church Property	500 00	
			906 37

SUMMARY.

Total for Missions	\$2104 82
" " Beneficiary Education	500 00
" Synodical Expenses	275 70
" Sundries	906 37
" Beneficiary Education, funded	425 00
Balance	1286 55
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	\$5497 84

Current Balance \$1286 55

At interest, Beneficiary Education 425 00

The following are the apportionments and payments on same by each Classis:

Westmoreland	\$1300 00, paid	\$1250 00
Clarion	1150 00, "	1121 41
St. Paul's	800 00, "	514 92
Somerset	1100 00, "	530 05
Allegheny	650 00, "	350 00

At the beginning of the year

Clarion had overpaid	\$104 25
Westmoreland "	1 64
Somerset "	54
St. Paul's—in arrears	10 73
Allegheny "	642 85

Present Arrearages.

Westmoreland	\$ 48 36
St. Paul's	295 81
Somerset	567 41
Allegheny	942 85

Overpaid.

Clarion	\$55 66
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

The Financial Committee would respectfully report : That having audited the Treasurer's Report they found the same correct. The following amounts are to be raised :

Wilkesburg Mission	\$ 250 00
Home Missions	2750 00
Beneficiary Education	750 00
Contingent Expenses	100 00
Salary of Stated Clerk	50 00
General Synod	170 00
Iowa Missions	250 00

We recommend that the several Classes be assessed as follows:

Westmoreland Classis	\$1250
Clarion "	1075 00
Somerset "	1050 00
St. Paul "	750 00
Allegheny "	275 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. GOOD.

JOHN H. PRUGH.

W. GOUGHLER.

W. W. DEATRICK.

PETER HILL.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Revs. S. T. Wagner, T. R. Dietz and Elder W. H. Hay were appointed a committee to collect a fee of 25 cents from each member of Synod for contingent expenses. The committee reported on the last day of the sessions, that their duty was attended to and \$17.00 collected. The report was adopted and the committee ordered to pay the incidental expenses of Synod, and hand the remainder to the pastor loci for the sexton.

ARTICLE XX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted and the committee ordered to have tickets printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 3 P. M. on Monday. Rev. John H. Prugh and Elder S. C. Remberg were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:—*Trustee of Synod*, Elder T. J. Craig; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. John McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *Trustees of Literary Institution*, Revs. H. King, Jacob F. Snyder; for *two years*, Rev. B. B. Ferer; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. Jno. S. Wagner; *Synodical Board of Missions*, Rev. Fred. B. Hahn; *Trustee of Theological Seminary*, Elder W. E. Schmertz; *Sunday-school Board*, Revs. C. W. Good, Jno. M. Evans, J. W. Knappenberger, Wm. W. Deatrick, M. H. Diefenderfer; *Board of Publication*, Rev. J. W. Love; *Synodical Editor*, Rev. D. B. Lady; *Supt. of Missions*, Rev. Theo. Appel.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For *five years*, Elder T. J. Craig; *four years*, Elder S. C. Remsberg; *three years*, Elder C. M. Bousch; *two years*, Elder John Truxal; *one year*, Rev. W. H. Bates.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For *four years*, Revs. Jno. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher—Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *three years*, Revs. J. Dotterer, F. A. Edmonds, Elders W. R. Barnhart, Peter Keil; *two years*, Revs. J. W. Alspach, M. H. Diefenderfer, J. M. Evans, Elder Eli George; *one year*, Rev. J. U. Pottious, Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., A. Moyer.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For *three years*, Revs. H. King, Jacob F. Snyder; *two years*, Revs. D. B. Lady, B. B. Ferer; *one year*, Rev. J. W. Love, Elders H. L. Baer, Jno. Truxal.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For *five years*, Rev. Jno. S. Wagner; *four years*, Rev. H. F. Keener; *three years*, Elder Jacob Hershey; *two years*, Rev. J. W. Love; *one year*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.

Synodical Board of Missions.

Four years Rev. F. B. Hahn; *three years*, Rev. C. U. Heilman; *two years*, Rev. S. Z. Beam; *one year*, Rev. F. Pilgram, D. S. Dieffenbacher.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jos. H. Apple, Elder W. E. Schmertz.

Board of Visitors to Seminary.

Revs. A. E. Truxal, Jos. H. Apple, D. D.

S. S. Board.

Revs. C. W. Good, Jno. M. Evans, J. W. Knappenberger, Wm. W. Dea-
trick, M. H. Diefenderfer.

Publication Board.

Rev. J. W. Love, Elder B. Wolff, Jr.

Synodical Editor.

Rev. D. B. Lady.

ARTICLE XXI.**GOVERNMENT.**

The following committee of five, one from each Classis, was appointed to prepare a plan for the creation of a Synodical Church Extension Board and to report at the next annual meeting of Synod: Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. S. Dieffenbacher, S. R. Bridenbaugh, Dr. Jos. H. Apple, Elder T. J. Craig.

Synod ordered that two new columns be added to the statistical tables in which are to be reported the number of Messengers and Child's Treasuries taken in each pastoral charge.

ARTICLE XXII.**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.***Reporters.*

Revs. D. B. Lady and J. W. Knappenberger were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the Pittsburgh papers.

Elders' Meeting.

By order of Synod the elders held a meeting on Friday, P. M., with Elder T. J. Craig in the chair. Elder C. M. Bousch was elected secretary. Inquiry was made of the elders present as to the practical effect produced by carrying out the action taken at their last year's meeting, and it was found that much good resulted therefrom.

Upon further discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved, That we urge upon each other and upon our fellow-members of the different consistories, the necessity of a closer union and more harmonious action in our efforts to promote the welfare of our congregations and of the Church at large, and for this purpose we would recommend frequent meetings of the elders and deacons of each charge to cultivate a closer union of minds and hearts, and general Christian fellowship, that our example in these matters may go out and inspire the membership of our congregations.

The officers reported this action to the Synod, and their report was adopted.

Leave of Absence.

Revs. R. C. Bowling and J. M. Evans were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. The committee reported having granted such leave to the following persons: Elder Wm. Goughler from Saturday morning during remainder of the sessions; Elder Joseph Cort after Saturday noon; Elder M. Beamer and David Knobel after Monday morning; Elder Aaron Fritz after Monday noon. Rev. H. King and Chas. Knepper and Elder Jno. Thompson were granted leave of absence, Monday morning.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks Voted.

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Synod tenders hearty thanks to the people of Greensburg for the kindly hospitality extended to its members during its Sessions, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the pastors loci.

Resolved, That the Synod of Pittsburgh tenders its thanks to the B. & O. A. V. and Penn'a Rail Roads, for the excursion rates granted to its members.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to the "Press" for full reports of its proceedings.

The roll was called and Rev. J. W. Alspach, F. B. Hahn and Elder Wm. Weitzel were excused for absence at the last roll call. The record of the Monday's Sessions was read and approved. The record was read at every morning session and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 5 o'clock, P. M. October 10th, A. D., 1881, to meet in general convention in Trinity Reformed church, Red Bank charge, Clarion Co., Pa., Sept. 20th, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the Gloria in Excelsis, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and the Benediction by the President.

JOHN McCONNELL, *President.*

H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Record.

H. F. KEENER,

Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT.—WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congregation.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom- municated.	Naves.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Uncon- firmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.										Benef.	Con- f. Purp.	
Jacob F. Snyder,	2 Emmanuel,	277	295	14	1	16	5	330	3	3	13	2	165		\$275 00	\$1100 00	Manor Dale, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
John W. Love,	3 Second, Greensburg,	355	282	17			2	240	8	6	6	2	170		277 00	11300 00	" " " "
David B. Lady,	2 Brush Creek,	226	445	46		37	14	600	7	5	13	3	240	3	283 00	1850 00	" " " "
John McConnell,	1 Salina,	243	35	4		2		28	3	19	7	4	210	1	19 00		" " " "
Samuel Z. Beam,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	231	135	14	5	13	26	203	3	19	7	4	210	1	175 00	1946 00	" " " "
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,	2 First, Greensburg,	265	400	40	1	9	10	450	8	15	15	2	275	1	301 00	2000 00	" " " "
Benjamin B. Forer,	3 Pleasant Unity,	317	251	21	1	11	9	285	10	13	13	3	220		271 00	1212 00	" " " "
John Dotterer,	1 Pine Run,	132	130	7	1	8	3	131	3	3	2	1	145		97 00	538 00	" " " "
Albert E. Truxal,	1 Irwin,	230	180	23	1	17	20	200	2	4	4	1	140		129 00	780 00	" " " "
Charles W. Good,	2 Salem,	307	180	13	1	11	6	200	12	7	7	1	70		100 00	635 00	" " " "
Suppl'd by Rev. Good,	1 St. James,	60	29	6	1	3	8	58		2	2	1	68		15 00	260 00	" " " "
Prof. Lucian Curt,	Princ'l, Gr. Fem Sem														5 00	1066 00	Greensburg, Cambria
Wm. H. Bates,	1 St. John's,	58	55	7	3	9	15	47		2	2	1	81		50 00	475 00	Johnstown, Cambria
S. H. Eisenberg,	2 Latrobe,	127	82	7	1	11	14	116	4	2	2	1	75				Latrobe, Westmoreland
James Grant,	Without charge.																Bradenville, "
Total, 14		3090	2482	219	15	147	133	2786	63	30	96	25	1857	4	\$1997 00	\$23,167 00	

CLARION CLASSIS.

D. S. Dieffenbacher, John Wolbach, Alphas K. Kline, W. C. B. Shulenberger, J. B. Thompson, Vacant, T. R. Diets, John M. Evans, Geo. A. Whitmore, R. C. Bowling, J. F. Wiant, Vacant, Vacant, W. C. Houpt, J. J. Pennepacker, H. W. Hoffmeier, Total, 14.	2 Kittanning, 2 Paradise, 3 Plum Creek, 1 St. Petersburg, 4 Red Bank, 3 South Bend, 4 Jefferson, 4 Curllaville, 3 St. John's, 2 Emulston, 2 Beaver, 3 Tionesta, 2 Du Bois, Without charge, Prin. C. C. Inst. do do do	277 207 355 285 226 216 243 200 345 170 231 160 150 120 265 243 164 165 154 101 262 209 54 38 22 2750	214 214
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ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prot.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom. Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.										Rev. Purp.	Con- g. Purp.	
D. D. Leberman,	2 Meadville,	2	270	180	19	1	27	13	250	13		5	2	2		\$115 00	\$1200 00	Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.
Jos. H. Apple,	2 Saegertown,	2	200	150	12	1	5	9	160			6	2	60		120 00	900 00	" " " "
J. W. Poulous,	4 Zion's,	4	181	133	10	2	11	5	164	2		4	3	156		163 00	724 00	" " " "
F. Pilgram,	4 Shenango,	4	474	294	33	1	1	4	403	2		10	3	130		256 00	968 00	" " " "
F. B. Hahn,	2 Greenville,	2	270	220	26	3	31	20	255	3		11	2	260		185 00	1000 00	" " " "
J. May,	2 Mercer,	2	144	65	4				115		5	1	2	75		24 00	409 00	" " " "
F. P. Hartnelt,	2 Sharon,	2	197	145	29		16	2	149	14		12	1	60		5 00	360 00	" " " "
Total, 7		18	1736	1187	131	8	91	53	1498	32		5	52	1510	1	\$868 00	\$5561 00	

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prot.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom. Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Rev. Purp.	Con- g. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.												
Benjamin Knepper,	4 Wellersburg,	4	149	100	18	2	6	14	131	6		4	1	120		\$46 00	\$313 00	Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.
H. F. Keener,	5 Zion,	5	368	287	39		28	14	328	6	5	9	5	240		313 00	930 00	" " " "
John Rubl,	1 Frostburg,	1	227	150	16		24	3	227				1	170		78 00	1400 00	Frostburg, Md.
F. B. Schwedes,	1 Cumberland,	1	156	112	14		16	1	144	2		1	1	100		50 00	750 00	Cumberland, Md.
Calvin U. Hellman,	4 Paradise,	4	416	262	33	2	6	12	349	9		7	5	455		271 00	1957 00	Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.
S. E. Brientaugh,	1 Berlin,	1	275	185	20	2	12	12	250	6		5	1	180		260 00	1100 00	" " " "
John S. Wagner,	5 Stoyestown,	5	232	170	17	5	13	5	201	9		7	2	85		163 00	560 00	Stoyestown, " " " "
Wm. W. Dearick,	3 Centerville,	3	167	109	4	1	1	12	136	11		3	3	175		182 00	823 00	Umdale, " " " "
Ram'l T. Wagner,	4 Will's Creek,	4	217	141														" " " "
Moses H. Diefenderfer,	4 Beam,	4	203	134	6			2	168	6		2	2	171		45 00	480 00	Jenner X Roads Somerset Co Pa
Hiram King,	2 Somerset,	2	150	100	1		1		120	4		1	2	100		103 00	119 00	" " " "
John M. Schick,	2 Meyersdale,	2	210	141	42	2	29	26	328	20		13	4	250		215 00	817 00	Somerset, " " " "
Total, 12.		36	2771	1971	210	14	136	87	370	79		5	52	27	2076	\$1729 00	\$9231 00	

* of old Meyersdale charge.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Infants.	Adults.											Benew. Purp'a.	Cong'l Purp'a.	
T. F. Stauffer,	1 Butler,	1	55	4	3	4	5	75	5			1	110		\$45 00	\$275 00	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
F. A. Edmonds,	2 Harmony,	2	119	14	4	18	3	204	4	14	3	1	280		130 00	1200 00	Harmony, Butler Co., "
J. W. Alspach,	2 Fairview,	2	237	20	1	3	4	220	1	2	5	2	200		226 00	1157 00	Baldwin, Butler Co., "
H. D. Darbaker, *																	Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
Charles Knepper, -	Without Charge,																Mansfield, Allegheny Co., Pa.
J. M. Souder,	1 New Castle,*	1	25	7	1	24	8	44			3	1	47		16 00	306 00	New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
W. B. Sandoe,																	
J. W. Knappenberger,	1 Zion's,	1	36			4	10	40	1			2	1		14 00	300 00	East End, Pittsburgh, "
" Supply.	Trinity,		53	5		5	1	42				2	1	2	15 00	370 00	" " " " "
C. Gumbert,	1 Sugar Creek,	1	150	26		1	10	153		7	5	1	90		89 00	1050 00	Adams, Armstrong Co., "
J. H. Prugh,	1 Grace,	1	70	12	4	19	26	170				3	1		450 00	5000 00	Pittsburgh, " "
Vacant,	1 Henshaw,	1	62	7	1	1		60	1			2	1		24 00	855 00	Butler, Butler Co., "
Total, 10.		11	787	95	14	79	67	1008	10	23	25	10	975	2	\$1009 00	10507 00	

* Principal of Harmony Collegiate Institute.

Statistical Summary for 1881.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni- cated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributi'ns.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confrd.	Certif'c.										
Westmoreland,	14	25	3,090	2,482	219	15	147	133	2,788	63		30	96	25	1,857	\$ 1,997 00	\$23,167 00	4
Clarion,	13	35	2,750	2,114	214	15	179	70	2,248	37		75	76	26	1,850	1,646 00	9,741 00	2
St. Paul,	17	18	1,736	1,187	131	8	91	53	1,498	32		5	52	15	1,021	868 00	5,561 00	1
Somerset,	12	36	2,771	1,971	210	14	136	87	2,370	79		5	52	27	2,076	1,729 00	9,232 00	4
Allegheny,	11	11	1,247	787	95	14	79	67	1,008	10		23	25	10	975	1,009 00	10,570 00	2
Total, 5 Classes,	57	125	11,594	8,541	869	66	632	410	9,912	221		138	301	103	7,779	\$7,249 00	\$58,271 00	13
Synod of U. S., 9 Classes,	212	438	69,183	39,918	5,372	285	3,588	1,128	53,902	527	45	345	2,464	514	40,852	35 859 00	238,687 00	39
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	152	302	21,673	10,323	1,099	340	1,162	724	18,003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	18 816 00	114,050 00	19
Synod of the N. West, 11 Classes,	158	250	24,196	16,996	1,851	42	1,237	828	18,122	239	16	399	641	205	14,029	12,109 00	90,183 00	33
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	132	271	27,837	18,259	1,808	172	1,228	574	23,132	352		122	769	235	17,641	15,239 00	105,263 00	23
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	41	40	9,186	5,695	1,712	7	612	391	7,471	60	4	171	391	42	6,674	3,665 00	59,990 00	
Total 6 Synods, 48 Classes.	752	1426	163,669	99,732	12,711	912	8,459	4,055	130,542	1,755	103	1549	4,980	1,334	104700	\$92,937 00	\$666,444 00	127

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States assembled in general convention in Trinity Reformed Church, Red Bank charge, Clarion Co., Pa., September 20, A. D. 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and continued its sessions until September 29, at 3 P. M., when the final adjournment took place.

Rev. John McConnell, the President, preached the synodical sermon from Gal. 6: 7, 8, "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, Jno. W. Love, David B. Lady, Jno. McConnell, Saml. Z. Beam, Benj. B. Ferer, Jno. Dotterer, Albert E. Truxal, Wm. H. Bates, Samuel H. Eisenberg, James Grant, A. A. Black.

Elders.—Philip Stokum, Eli Sell, Geo. Painter, Jacob Byers, Joseph Smith, Wm. Zimmerman, S. C. Remsberg, S. Bear,

Rev. Jas. Grant appeared on Saturday P. M. Elder S. Bear was excused from Saturday noon.

Clarion Classis.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, Jno. Wolbach, Alpha K. Kline, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Jno M. Evans, Geo. A. Whitmore, Robert C. Bowling, Jac. F. Wiant, J. J. Pennepacker, J. S. Hartzell, D. H. Leader.

Revs. Whitmore and Pennepacker appeared on Friday and were excused on Monday morning.

Elders.—Adam Smith, Wm. Allshouse, Chas. H. Bicehouse, P. J. Shoemaker, Geo. Doverspike, David Hale, Samuel Barndt, Henry Bush, Jac. Brinker.

Elder P. J. Shoemaker appeared on Friday and was excused on Saturday P. M. Samuel Barndt was excused from Saturday P. M., and George Doverspike and Daniel Hale from Monday morning.

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St. Paul Classis.—Revs. Jos. H. Apple, D.D., Jno. W. Pontious, F. Pilgram, Fred. B. Hahn.

Elders.—A. G. Apple, Samuel Flaugh, William Flaugh, Samuel Waertman, Levi Bortz.

Somerset Classis.—Revs. H. F. Keener, C. U. Heilman, S. R. Bridenbaugh, Jno. S. Wagner, Saml. T. Wagner, Hiram King, Jno. M. Schick.

Elders.—Tobias Glessner, Jno. Glotfelty, Jac. Zimmerman, Christian Werner, Conrad Poschman.

Jno. Glotfelty, C. Werner and C. Poschman, were excused from Monday morning.

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, J. W. Alspach, H. D. Darbaker, Jno. M. Souder, J. W. Knappenberger, Christian Gumbert, Jno. H. Prugh, Josiah May.

Elders.—Wm. Ellenberger, Michael Myers, T. J. Craig, A. O. Eberhart.

Rev. J. M. Souder appeared on Thursday P. M., and Rev. J. W. Alspach and Elder Wm. Ellenberger on Friday A. M.

Elders Ellenberger and Eberhart were excused from Monday morning, also Revs. Alspach and Gumbert. Elder T. J. Craig appeared on Thursday P. M. and was excused on Friday.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. P. C. Prugh of the Ohio Synod, and Rev. G. B. Masalsky of the German Synod of the East.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Frederick Pilgram of Greenville, Pa., was chosen *President*.

Rev. J. W. Knappenberger of East End, Pittsburgh Pa., *Vice-President*.

Rev. J. S. Wagner of Stoystown, Pa., *Cor. Sec.*

Elder T. J. Craig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was re-elected *Treasurer*.

Rev. H. F. Keener of Berlin, Pa., continues *Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The Bar of the House was limited to the fourth pew in front of the altar.

Session Hours adopted: From 9 to 11½ A. M.; from 2 to 4½ P. M.

ARTICLE V.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. Jno. M. Evans, A. K. Kline, F. B. Hahn and Elders Jac. Brinker, Adam Smith.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. D. B. Lady, J. Wolbach, Jno. S. Wagner; Elders, Eli Sell, Samuel Flaugh.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. Jac. F. Snyder, J. W. Knappenberger, Jno. Dotterer; Elders, Philip Stokum, Wm. Martz.

Overtures.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, W. H. Bates, B. B. Ferer; Elders, Samuel Waertman, Henry Bush.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Joseph H. Apple, D.D., H. King, Jno. H. Prugh; Elders, Wm. Flaugh, Jno. Glotfelty.

State of the Church.—Revs. Jno. McConnell, Jno. M. Schick, S. T. Wagner, Tobias Glessner, Samuel Barndt.

Missions.—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. S. Dieffenbacher, H. D. Darbaker; Elders, S. C. Remsberg, P. J. Shoemaker.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. F. B. Hahn, W. C. B. Shulenberger, S. Z. Beam; Elders, Jac. Byers, Charles Bicehouse.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. Jno. W. Pontious, J. S. Hartzell, Jno. W. Love; Elders, Jac. Zimmerman, Levi Bortz.

Education.—Revs. H. King, C. Gumbert, Josiah May; Elders, A. V. Eberhart, Conrad Poschman.

Publication.—Revs. Jno. H. Prugh, Jno. M. Schick, Jac. F. Wiant; Elders, Geo. Doverspike, Geo. Painter.

Finance.—Revs. Jno. W. Love, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. H. Leader; Elders, Eli Sell, Wm. Allshouse.

Nominations.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, F. B. Hahn, J. S. Wagner; Elders, Jac. Zimmerman, Adam Smith.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod were presented and passed to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Records of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and handed to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

3. Reports of Boards were read and handed to the proper committees.

Other communications were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine services. The Committee on the subject reported the following order of services, which was adopted and carried out. Your committee on Religious Services would report as follows:

Thursday Evening, Sermon, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger; altar services, Rev. J. H. Apple, D. D., and Josiah May.

Friday Evening. Sunday school services, according to the programme reported by the S. S. Board.

Saturday, 3 P. M. Preparatory services. Sermons—English, Rev. D. B. Lady; German, J. Wolbach; altar services, Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh and J. W. Pontious.

Saturday Evening. Sermon, Rev. P. C. Prugh; subject, *The Care of Church Orphans*. Short addresses by Revs. McConnell, Bridenbaugh, Knappenberger, and D. S. Dieffenbacher. \$400 raised for the Homes.

Sunday, 9 A. M. Addresses to S. S., by Rev. T. F. Stanffer and P. C. Prugh; communion services, 10½ A. M.; sermon, Rev. A. E. Truxal; altar services, Revs. Pilgram and Keener.

Sunday, 3 P. M. German services. Sermon, Rev. J. M. Schick; altar services, Rev. G. B. Masalsky,

Evangelical Church, Millville, Pa., 10½ A. M., Rev. R. C. Bowling; 7½ P. M. Rev. S. H. Eisenberg.

Presbyterian Church, Millville, Pa., 10½ A. M., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh; 7½ P. M., Rev. J. F. Snyder.

Shannondale reformed Church, 4½ P. M., Rev. A. A. Black.

Grace Reformed Church, Curlsville, Pa., 7½ P. M., Rev. J. M. Schick.

Sunday Evening. Missionary meeting, according to the order reported by the Committee on Missions. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. EVANS, A. K. KLINE,
F. B. HAHN, JAC. BRINKER,
ADAM SMITH.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod would report that they looked over the Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod for last year and have found the following items of unfinished business, to which, in their judgment, the attention of this Synod should be called:

Item 1, p. 9, Is a Temperance resolution.

Item 2, p. 10, A conditional appropriation to Wilkinsburg Mission.

Item 3, p. 11, A request to Cumberland Mission.

Item 4, p. 30. Classical and Congregational Missionary Festivals.

Item 5, p. 33. Instruction to Synods' representatives on the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 6, p. 40. An order for collections.

Item 7, p. 40. Order to the Clerk.

Item 8, p. 44. Vacancies on the Boards of Synod.

Item 9, p. 45. Committee on Church Extension.

Item 10, p. 45. New columns in Statistical Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY, J. WOLBACH,
J. S. WAGNER, ELI SELL,
SAMUEL FLAUGH.

This report was considered by items with the annexed results:

Item 1. The roll was called and all pastors replied, "attended to."

Item 2. The Treasurer reported this action complied with by both parties thus far.

Item 3. Complied with.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Tabled until the Committee on Theological Seminary report, when it was found not attended to.

Item 6. The roll was called and found "attended to" by the following: — Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. W. Love, D. B. Lady, S. Z. Beam, B. B. Ferer, J. Dotterer, A. E. Truxal, W. H. Bates, D. S. Dieffenbacher J. Wolbach, Jno. M. Evans, R. C. Bowling, Jac. F. Wiant, J. W. Pontious, F. B. Hahn, H. F. Keener, S. B. Bridenbaugh, J. S. Wagner, J. M. Schick, J. M. Knappenberger, C. Gumbert, J. H. Prugh. "Not attended to," by the following: — S. H. Eisenberg, A. K. Kline, W. C. B. Shulenberger, Geo. A. Whitmore, Dr. J. H. Apple, F. Pilgram, S. T. Wagner, Hiram King, Josiah May. The further consideration of this item was tabled until the Committee on Publication report.

Item 7. Attended to as directed.

Item 8. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 9. The Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed at Greensburg, to prepare a plan for the creation of a Board of Church Extension, offer the following report:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod create a Board of Church Extension, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys appropriated for building Missionary Churches, and distribute the same to churches in need, and secure the amount thus given by first mortgage on the property.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Church Extension be directed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws by which it shall be governed until the next Annual Meeting, when said Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted for Synod's approval; and further, that the Board be instructed to secure an act of Incorporation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL Z. BEAM,	JOS. H. APPLE,
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,	S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
T. J. CRAIG.	

Adopted and the attention of the Committee on Nominations called thereto.

Item 10. Tabled until the Committee on Minutes of Classes report. The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report:

REQUESTS.

Item 1. Somerset Classis asks Synod to extend favors to the Church at Cumberland similar to those extended last year to the church at Wilkinsburg.

Item 2. Allegheny Classis calls attention to the fact that this Classis is not represented in the Missionary Board of Synod.

SUBJECTS REFERRED.

Item 3. All the Classes adopted the Synodical recommendations and assumed the amounts apportioned by Synod.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Westmoreland Classis received Andrew W. J. Best, licentiate from the M. E.

Church South; licentiate Albert A. Black from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio and ordained them to the Gospel ministry.

Clarion Classis received Rev. D. H. Leader from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac. Rev. D. G. Klein and Rev. C. W. E. Siegel, from West Susquehanna Classis, Synod of U. S.; licentiate Joshua Wolbach, from East Pennsylvania Classis; J. S. Hartzell, from Lehigh Classis, Synod of U. S., and dismissed Rev. T. B. Dietz to Susquehanna Classis; Rev. J. B. Thompson, to Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. J. Wolbach, to the Northern Illinois Classis, and ordained licentiate, Joshua Wolbach and J. S. Hartzell to the Gospel ministry.

St. Paul's Classis received Rev. E. E. Gruenstien, from Indiana Classis, and dismissed Rev. F. P. Hartmetz to Zion's Classis, Synod of Northwest, and Rev. J. May to Allegheny Classis.

Allegheny Classis received Rev. Josiah May, from St. Paul's Classis.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Westmoreland Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church, Westmoreland county, Pa., on Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1883, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

B. B. FERER, *President*.
J. F. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

Clarion Classis will meet in the Salem Reformed Church, Emlenton charge, Pa., on the last Thursday of May, 1883, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

REV. JNO. M. EVANS, *President*.
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Secretary*.

St. Paul's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Meadville, Crawford county, Pa., on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1883, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

REV. J. W. PONTIOUS, *President*.
F. B. HAHN, *Secretary*.

Somerset Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Hyndman, Bedford county, Pa., on June 7th, 1883, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M.

REV. J. S. WAGNER, *President*.
H. F. KEENER, *Secretary*.

Allegheny Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., on the 23d of May, 1883, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

REV. C. GUMBERT, *President*.
J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, *Secretary*.

Respectfully submitted,

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
J. F. SNYDER,	J. P. STOKUM,
J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,	WM. MARTZ
J. DOTTERER.	

The report was considered by items with annexed results :

Item 1. Referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. J. Wolbach, J. M. Souder, Elder, A. G. Apple. (See report p. 9.)

Item 2. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Items 3, 4, 5, adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Overtures would offer the following report :

Item 1. The request of Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer to be excused for absence from the present sessions.

Item 2. A request from Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher to be excused for absence from these sessions of Synod.

Item 3. A request from William W. Deatrick to be excused for non-attendance.

Item 4. A request from the Church at Latrobe, for aid in paying the church debt.

Item 5. A communication from St. Paul Classis, referring to the establishment of a resort at Conneaut Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. STAUFFER, W. H. BATES,
HENRY BUSH, B. B. FERER,
SAMUEL WAERTMAN.

The report was considered by items with annexed results :

Item 1. Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer was excused.

Item 2. Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher was not excused.

Item 3. Rev. Wm. W. Deatrick was excused.

Item 4 was referred to the same Committee as item 1, of the report on Classical Minutes. This Committee reports as follows :

Your Committee to whom were referred the overture from the church at Latrobe and the petition from the church at Cumberland, Md., would offer the following :—

We find that the church at Latrobe has an indebtedness of \$1850 resting upon its church property, which proves a heavy burden to them and materially hinders the prosperity of the Mission.

In view of these facts, your Committee recommends that Synod assume \$800 of said debt to be paid in three equal annual installments, provided that the Mission pay the balance of \$1050 in two years, including the interest on the whole indebtedness and give the first mortgage to Synod for the \$800 thus assumed.

With respect to the Cumberland Mission, your Committee ascertained that the Mission has already received aid toward the liquidation of its church debt the sum of \$2000 from the former Westmorland Classis and \$1000 from the Pittsburgh Synod, for which they have given no security.

The present debt is \$2,500, of which the Mission asks the Synod to assume and pay half.

In view of all the circumstances of the case, your Committee recommends the following action to be taken by the Synod :

That the Synod assume \$1000 of the present indebtedness of said mission to be paid in five equal annual payments on the following conditions :

1. That the Trustees of the Cumberland Mission Church give the first mortgage on the property to the Pittsburgh Synod for three thousand dollars, already received from Classis and Synod.

2. That the Trustees of said Mission pay all the interest on their indebtedness as it becomes due from time to time.

3. That the Trustees pay one-fifth portion of the balance of \$1500 when-

ever the Treasurer of Synod is ready to pay \$200 towards the reduction of said debt.

4. That the Trustees confess judgment in favor of the Treasurer of Synod for each sum of \$200 paid by him, and at the last payment give a mortgage for \$1000 in exchange for the judgments thus confessed.

5. That the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby instructed to pay \$200 on the debt of the Cumberland Mission, as soon as this can be done without injury to other objects, and he is satisfied that the above conditions have been complied with, and thereafter pay \$200 annually on the same conditions until the debt is fully paid.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

J. WOLBACH,
J. M. SOUDER,
A. G. APPLE.

Item 5. This paper was read and referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. J. W. Love, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. S. Dieffenbacher: Elders, Daniel Hale, and A. O. Eberhart. This Committee reported at Saturday A. M. session as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMED CHURCH ASSEMBLY AT CONNEAUT LAKE.

Your Committee to which was referred the paper from the Reformed Church Assembly of Conneaut Lake would respectfully report the following:

Inasmuch as the frequenting of summer resorts has become a National enjoyment; and whereas St. Paul's Classis has entered upon a movement which looks forward to the establishment of a summer resort for the Reformed Church, at Conneaut Lake, for the purpose of social, moral and religious enjoyment, therefore, *Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, recognize said movement and give it our approval.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report that no business has come before them demanding their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. APPLE, JNO. H. PRUGH,
H. KING, SAMUEL FLAUGH,
JOHN GLOTFELTY.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

To the Pittsburgh Synod:—Dear Brethren in the Lord.—All the classical reports on the State of the Church represent said State as very prosperous, encouraging, hopeful. True, one report said, "The devil who never wearies of his efforts to hinder the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, has been painfully busy at his work in some parts of the fold of God," yet was the work of the Lord not stayed, but "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

None of our pastors were removed by death. Only a few were hindered from

their work by sickness, and that not to any serious or long continued extent. In the pulpit and from house to house, by day and by night, they toiled. Catechetical classes were large and well attended, resulting in large additions to the communion membership of the church. The Holy Sacraments were neglected by but, comparatively, a small number. The parents at the altar of the Holy Eucharist, not forgetting that their children, were with themselves, called of God unto salvation, and so entitled to the Divine blessing as comprehended in, and administered by, the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The missionary work, that life-pulse of the church, has greatly increased, showing that the hearts of our people are becoming more pervaded with the renewing, sanctifying currents of the Christian salvation, proceeding from the Lamb of God, slain for the sin of the world, the Fountain filled with blood, ever full, ever flowing—on and on, until Satan's power shall have ceased, the nations be saved from sin and death, and Christ Jesus shall have come to reign, creation's Prince of life and peace.

The older missions, mostly, are progressing well. Several new ones have been established, giving good promise of early advancement and final success in the near future. Several new churches have been completed, and others are in process of erection. Only a few charges have been, and still are, vacant. Churches have been enlarged, renovated and beautified—making the house of the Lord more seemly and glorious. Several new charges have been formed. The church papers are receiving increased circulation, and are more earnestly and devotedly being read. The spirit of benevolence has been manifest in larger measure. Good will, peace and harmony, blessing and joy are found, largely, throughout all our churches—the evidence of love to God, and so, also, of the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

And, inasmuch as the gracious and bountifully giving Lord has again heard the heavens, and they the earth, and the earth the corn, the wine and the oil, and they the toils, cares and prayers of our people, in the gift of an abundant harvest—the earth yielding her increase on plain and valley, on rolling hills and steep mountain-sides, making the heart glad, and filling the soul with gratitude to God, may we not hope to witness still greater activity in the onward movement and growth of our beloved Zion,—so highly prized, so precious to each and all of us—during the synodical year into which we are now to pass.

But now whilst *all* the reports of the Classes warrant this pleasant, pleasing, hopeful picture of the State of the Church, *some* of them bring to view things which ought not so to be; things which need to be renovated and regenerated in order to the completest peace and fullest prosperity of the Church—things, calling for humiliation, repentance, fasting and prayer. Let us then return to our respective charges and fields of labor with cheerful hopes, renewed zeal and activities in the service of our blessed Lord,—knowing that our labor is not in vain in, by and through Him,—to His glory and the salvation of man.

RETROSPECTIVE.

Thirty-nine years ago, May 28, 1843, the day and year Westmoreland Classis was organized, we had, throughout the large territory, now included within the bounds of this Synod, being the whole of Pennsylvania west of the Alleghenies, nine ministers, only seven of whom labored as pastors, having under their care nearly fifteen hundred members.

In 1850, seven years afterwards, being thirty-two years ago, the time Westmoreland Classis was divided and that of Clarion formed, and still covering the same large field as now occupied by the Pittsburgh Synod, the number of ministers had increased to eighteen; the membership, to 3,500, of which 3,200 communed. Then, i. e. thirty-two years ago, there were twenty-one Sunday Schools; and the Benevolent contributions only \$410.71½.

True, as we well know, the statistics of thirty-two years ago are very imperfect, as, for instance, no mention is made at all of the baptized membership, and, in some cases, even that of the adult members is not given, which defect we supplied, approximately, from other sources. But this itself, is evidence of a good progress.

My, brethren, let these facts and figures be compared with the statistics of this Synod, for this year, as herewith presented, and see what the Lord has wrought.

—He has done great things for us of which we are glad. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace.”

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN McCONNELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

Rev. Fathers and Brethren : We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. These reports speak for themselves and hence need no comments on our part. We only ask, through you, that the cause of Missions may receive enlarged sympathy from our pastors and people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*
J. O. MILLER, *President.*

The Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its recent session in this city, passed the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Board is convinced that the more general circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in our congregations would greatly advance the cause of Missions, and we do hereby heartily commend it to the church, and respectfully request the Synods to take such action as would accomplish this result.

2. *Resolved*, That this Board calls the attention of the several Synods to the fact that the money assessed for the payment of the Washington Chapel is due, and we request that the necessary steps be taken to secure the amount as promptly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER,
Sec'y of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1881-1882.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States :

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable body his Fifth Annual Report of the progress and condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 86. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$32.67. Local objects, \$600. Original cost of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness (on lot) \$1,100. Reduction of indebtedness, \$225. Under the Board six years. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, the same. Pastor, D. Y. Heiler.

Salem's Church, Catasaugus.—Under the Board eight years. Members, 179. Last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 225. Last year, 150. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 43. Benevolence, \$53. Local objects, \$1,080. Estimated value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,600; but a plan has been in operation to reduce the debt, and \$400 had by this means accumulated in the treasury at the end of the year, which amount by this time has been used for the purpose intended. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, the same. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

St. John's Church, Reading.—Members, 450; last year, 350. S. S. scholars, 444; last year, 400. Baptisms, 68. Additions, 88. Benevolence, \$280. Local objects, \$2,200, including \$500, paid to reduce the indebtedness, for which the members are accustomed to make monthly contributions. Cost of property, including parsonage, \$22,000, but worth more at present. Under the Board ten years. Under the present pastor seven years. The indebtedness, which has hitherto prevented the mission from being self-supporting, is diminishing from year to year. Services well attended both German and English. Appropriation, last year, \$200; this year, \$100. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

Birdsboro' Mission.—This mission, supplied for several years past by Pastors Steinmetz and Davis, of Reading, was served by licentiate, G. M. Zacharias, for several months during the winter, under the direction of the Board. Mr. Z. then withdrew, and arrangements were made by the Classis to connect it with other congregations in the neighborhood, so as to make it a self-sustaining charge. This, however, has not as yet been carried out, and the mission remains vacant. The congregation at Birdsboro' have quite recently dedicated their new church, 35 by 50 feet, at a cost of \$2,350. Some indebtedness. Appropriation last year, \$200. Vacant.

St. John's Church, West Philadelphia.—This mission, after being vacant for five months, was again supplied with a pastor on the 1st of February last, since which time it has been doing well. As it was supplied by the Superintendent and others whilst it was vacant, its interests did not materially suffer, and when the Board succeeded in supplying it with a pastor, the members received him gladly and cheerfully united with him in working for the peace and prosperity of Zion. Members, 58. S. S. scholars, 85. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Losses, 11. Church papers, 54 copies. Benevolence, \$16.58. Local objects, \$372. Cost of property, about \$7,000, but it is not worth that much at present. Indebtedness, \$2,400. An Aid Society raised \$35 in seven months to assist in paying the interest on the indebtedness. It is thought that the location of the church building, and its somewhat uninviting appearance, are a barrier to the progress of the mission, and it is hoped that the way may be open before very long for the removal of this difficulty. Appropriation, last year, \$500; this year, the same. Pastor, J. P. Stein.

Grace Church, Philadelphia.—During the year this mission was successful in putting up a new church, in which, although still unfinished, it has been worshipping for the last three or four months. In other respects it had also been making a commendable degree of progress, until, during the summer its pastor, Rev. J. Saml. Vandersloot, found it necessary, on account of his failing health, to withdraw from the field, at the end of his first year's labor. Some loss has been incurred in this way, but it is hoped that it will in the end be overruled for good. After the withdrawal of the pastor, the Board immediately took steps to supply the mission with a suitable pastor, but in this they have up to this date been unsuccessful. Members, 52; at its organization, about one year ago, 26. S. S. scholars, 144. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 27. Benevolence, \$25. Cost of church building when completed about \$1,800. Amount thus far paid, \$1,141.17. Amount needed to finish the church over \$200. Debt on the church at present, \$649.52. Other indebtedness about \$150. Mortgage on the ground, \$3,000. A Mite Society has been active in raising money to pay the semi-annual interest on the mortgage. "The Little Gleaners," a society, after raising \$40 for furnishing the pulpit, now co-operates with a missionary society lately organized. Appropriation last year, \$500. Vacant.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 115. S. S. scholars, 285. Baptisms, 11. Additions, 12, of which 11 were heads of families. Benevolence, \$112. Local objects, \$671.30. Original cost of property, \$6,000. Present value, considerably greater. Church papers are patronized. Some 50 or 60 members in the mission.

ary society. The mission is growing in numbers and liberality, but it suffers from removals, which prevent it from making any rapid advance towards self-support. There is some prospect that it may hereafter be strengthened by the establishment of a new mission at Steelton, in the vicinity. It would be an important step towards becoming self sustaining, if it could erect a parsonage in a vacant lot, which it owns in the rear of the Church. It has been a mission for about eighteen years. Appropriation, last year, \$250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 85. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptized, 7. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$142. Local objects, \$491. Value of church property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,100. Some German papers circulated. No Missionary Society, but a Ladies' Society, composed of 27 members, collects funds and makes contributions for the aid of the church. The mission is making a gradual progress spiritually and financially, and, if not disturbed by changes in pastoral relations, as it was too much in the past, it has the prospect now of becoming a well-established Christian congregation. The present pastor took charge of the mission about one year ago, and since then he has been laboring efficiently and with much satisfaction to his people. His services are exclusively German. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, H. A. Friedel.

Columbia.—Members, 180. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 28. S. S. scholars, 200. Benevolence, \$88.50. Local objects, \$2,563.40. Value of property, \$11,000. Indebtedness, provided for last year, \$1,663.40, was all paid up during the year. Services well attended, and a good spirit pervades the congregation. Thus, after many years of struggle and conflict, this congregation has gradually been growing, and has come to stand on a good and permanent foundation. Under God its success and prosperity have been the result of the aid and encouragement of the church at large. After the 1st of January next it expects to be self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$150. No further appropriation. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkes-Barre Mission.—Two congregations, one at Wilkes-Barre and the other at Nanticoke. Members, 487; last year, 432. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 70. Additions, 70. Benevolence, \$60. Local objects, about \$724. Cost of property, \$13,000. Debt, \$1,400. Reduction, \$200, with prospects of a further reduction at an early day. The new church at Nanticoke is to be dedicated on the 24th of September, with little or no debt. Dimensions, 36 by 65 feet. Members at Nanticoke, 135. The mission at Plymouth, which grew out of the mission at Wilkes-Barre, have recently put up a new church building. It is doing well under pastor, Rev. S. C. Meckel, who as he receives an appropriation from Classis, will hereafter be enabled to devote his whole time to the interests of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$225; this year, \$175. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven Mission.—Two congregations. Members, 153; last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 130. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$37. Local objects, \$525. Cost of property, \$2,200, but worth much more at present. Indebtedness, including repairs, \$1,000. As soon as present indebtedness is paid off the mission will be in a fair way of becoming self-sustaining. The present pastor has been in the field five years, during which the mission has increased largely in membership; a church was purchased for \$2,200, and repaired for \$600, the Classis of West Susquehanna, paying \$1,100 for the purchase of the building. 75 members have been added to the church, and the Sunday School has more than doubled the number of its scholars. The mission has good prospects. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

English Mission at Williamsport.—During the past year the congregation was divided so as to form two, one German and the other English. The German portion retain the old church, assume the debt, expect to support their own pastor, and pledge themselves for \$1,500 to assist the English brethren in the erection of a new church. The latter, not being able to support a pastor, have been taken under the care of the Board as a mission, and, by the recommendation of Classis, have been promised an appropriation. They are at present seeking to secure for themselves a pastor. With what they receive from the old congregation, and the promise of a \$1,000 from the Classis, they expect to go forward and erect for themselves a new church during the coming year. Appropriation, \$300. Vacant.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—This congregation was organized on the 17th of May last, and constituted a mission by the Classis of East Pennsylvania. It was then placed under the Board, and the Rev. G. W. Kerschner commissioned to take charge of its interests. It commenced with 35 members, but as there is a considerable amount of Reformed material in the town and neighborhood, it has encouraging prospects of increase in the future. Thus far Mr. K. has been holding his services in the court-house with good audiences, especially in the evening; but the further success of the mission depends on its having a house of worship of its own, and, accordingly, steps will be taken at as early a day as possible to put up a suitable church building. Had a congregation been organized in Stroudsburg twenty years ago, we might now have a flourishing church in that place. But it is never too late to do good, and as Providence seems so manifestly to have led to the establishment of this new congregation where it was much needed, we may hope He will bless it, and possibly enable us to make up for lost time and lost opportunities. Mr. K. seems to be well adapted for the situation he has been called to fill, and to be appreciated in the community for whose spiritual interests he is laboring. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

East Liberty and Wilkesburg.—Two congregations. Members, 111. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 19. Erasures, 14. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$1,290.71. Value of property at East Liberty, \$5,000; at Wilkesburg, \$3,500. Debt on the former, \$350; on the latter, \$1,500. These missions are both overcoming the financial difficulties of former years, and a general feeling of hopefulness and encouragement pervades the members. We may now hope that a prosperous career in the future may be the answer to their faith and prayers. Appropriation last year, \$550; this year, \$500. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co. This mission was supplied with a pastor on the 1st of April last, and seems to have rallied again from the loss it sustained in being without a pastor for more than six months. Three congregations. Under the Board six years. Members, as far as ascertained, 92. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 3. S. S. scholars, 82. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$350. Value of church property, \$1,500. The congregation, hitherto worshipping in a school-house have commenced the building of a new church near the town of Shirleysburg, which will be ready for dedication before the winter sets in. This mission requires a parsonage, without which it will be difficult for it for some time to come, to give its pastor an adequate support. The attendance on the means of grace is good, and the missionary feels encouraged to believe that with the blessing of God he will succeed in building up the charge. Appropriation, as requested by Classis, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Reiter.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co.—This field was without a pastor for eight months, when one was secured who entered upon his duties on the 1st of April last. It consists of three congregations. Members, 155. Three S. Schools. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Value of property about \$4,000. Debt, \$40, which is soon to be paid. One of the churches being uncomfortable in cold weather, the erection of a new one is agitated. Under the Board as a mission since 1873. Four catechetical classes, at the present time, numbering 40 catechumens, the greater part of whom expect to be confirmed during the coming spring. The work of grace is reviving in the hearts of the people, and the labors of the pastor are appreciated. In a year or so, this mission should become self-sustaining. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Duncannon.—Vacant during the greater part of the year, but supplied with a pastor a short time ago. Two congregations, one at Duncannon, and the other at Marysville. The congregation at Dellville was abandoned several years ago, but the missionary is at present endeavoring to resuscitate it. Members, 120. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 6. Contributions for local and benevolent objects, \$70. Former appropriation, \$225. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. R. Lewis.

Shenandoah.—Members, 250. S. S. scholars, 250. Baptisms, 50. Additions, 20. Contributions to local and benevolent objects, \$500. Cost of property, \$5000. Indebtedness, \$1,000. Reduction during past year, \$500. Under the Board, five years. The mission will probably become self-sustaining in the course of a year or two. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—Members, 77. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms,

14. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$31. Local objects, \$456. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. Church papers, 102. Under the Board two and a half years. The mission is making encouraging progress, in the way of inward as well as outward growth. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 220. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$22.90. Local objects, \$275. Original cost of the church, \$2,100, which with the lot makes the present value, \$2,800. No debt. A balance on the heater debt—\$43, was paid during the year. Church periodicals of all kinds, 252. The Harbaugh Missionary Society with 40 members collects about \$15 per annum. Organized as a mission 3½ years ago. Under present pastor two years. After he has practiced the most rigid economy, his support has been inadequate. Recently he received an overture from the Faculty of F. M. College, to teach one hour per day in the college, and to take charge of Harbaugh Hall, these duties to be discharged in connection with the pastorate of the mission. As this arrangement is likely to prove mutually beneficial, it is hoped that the state of his health will allow him to accept of this offer. Appropriation last year, \$300. The fixing of the appropriation for the coming year referred to the Executive Council. Pastor, W. F. Lichtner.

Overton, Bradford Co.—Vacant for some time, but again supplied with a pastor, since last January. Since then the mission has shown signs of new life and activity. The congregation at Overton is putting up a new church, and the one at Dushore, which has been worshipping in an old church belonging to another denomination, expect to erect a church for themselves at no distant day. The Elkland congregation has a church of its own. There are out-lying regions, where the missionary expects to labor as opportunities present themselves, and it is believed that in this way the mission may be strengthened and new missions started. Three congregations. Members, 160. S. S. scholars over 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 1, with the prospect of a large increase during the coming year. Benevolence, \$12.71. Local objects, \$330. Value of property, \$1,000. No debt. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Mutschler.

Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.—Two congregations. Members, 134. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$40. Local objects, \$575. Value of property, \$9,500. Indebtedness, \$1,850. Reduction, \$200. An effort has recently been made to liquidate this debt, which it is believed will be crowned with success within two years. Under the Board four years. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—No report. This mission has secured a regular pastor and expects to become self-supporting hereafter.

New Castle.—Members, 49. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 1. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$14. Local objects, \$450. The new church was dedicated in July. Its cost was \$3,669, on which \$2,500 have been paid, collected by the pastor in the mission, in the town and neighboring congregations. The remaining indebtedness is \$1,050, for which \$600 have been provided in the way of subscriptions, most of which will be paid at no distant day. Since the dedication of the new church, the audiences on Sunday have very much improved. A case, however, of what seemed to be necessary discipline has disturbed the congregation, and interfered with the usefulness of the pastor. This is unfortunate, as the pastor has shown much energy and manifested a true spirit of self-sacrifice, and in view of his valuable services deserves the sympathy and support of all the members of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year the same. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Marietta.—Two congregations. One at Maytown and the other at Marietta. Members, 157. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$30.50. Local objects, \$518. Cost of property at Maytown, \$3,000. The church at Marietta is owned by different denominations. Some church papers are circulated, and a missionary society is about to be organized. Attendance good. Liberality only partially developed in the charge as a whole, and the pastor is inadequately supported. German services are held every two weeks at Marietta, under the direction of a committee of Lancaster Classis, of which Dr. E. V. Gerhart is chairman. By this means a number of foreign Germans have been added to the

church, and the prospect now is that the congregation will be materially strengthened from this source in the future. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$75. Pastor, G. B. Reaser.

Tionesta, Forest Co.—This is a new mission, supplied with its first pastor during the past year. Three congregations. Members, 50. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 2. Benevolence, \$32. Local objects, \$152.25. Two church edifices, one of which is union. No indebtedness. The missionary reports difficulties in his field, which he thinks may be surmounted, and he is hopeful. The field is large, and there is an opening for the establishment of a number of preaching places, and the organization of new congregations in the future. The ground is well selected for the missionary activity of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year the same. Pastor, D. G. Klein.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—This mission was organized about two years ago, but it was without a pastor until last February, when Rev. D. H. Leader took charge of it, by appointment of the Board. Since that time the members have been working earnestly with their pastor, and the mission has been advancing towards permanency. The congregation at Dubois expect to erect a church at no distant day. A new congregation has been organized at Boon's Mountain, with the prospect of rapid growth, including the erection of a church during the coming year. A similar movement is on foot to build a new church at another point in the country, where the missionary has been preaching. Members, 47. S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 23. Benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$500. Church property two acres of ground worth \$100. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year the same. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.—This mission was formally taken under the care of the Board during the past year. It was served for the first six months by the Rev. Joshua Wolbach, but on account of its prevailingly German character, he withdrew, and since then—about four months—it has been served by the Rev. Mr. Siegel, who reports that its prospects are encouraging. Members, 30. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 8. Contributions for local objects, \$200, and a small amount for benevolence. Cost of property, \$400, but it is worth twice that much at present. Indebtedness, \$250. No Sunday-schools have as yet been established, but the pastor himself gives the children religious instruction on the Lord's Day in two classes, the one in the German and the other in the English language. The Pastor found it necessary to reside at Philipsburgh, Centre Co., where he thinks he will be able to organize a congregation at no distant day. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year the same. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel.

Meyersdale, Somerset Co.—This charge became a mission in consequence of the division of the Meyersdale charge, which took effect a little more than a year ago. It was believed that with the help of the Board in the course of a year or so, two self-supporting charges could be formed. Congregations, 2. Members, 306. S. S. Scholars, 130. Baptisms, 34. Additions, 57. Benevolence, \$230. Congregational purposes, \$762. Church property worth, \$3,000. Indebtedness, \$1200. Some reduction during the year. Church papers, 316. A Missionary Society recently organized now numbers 25 members. The services on Sunday and during the week are well attended. An effort is in progress to pay off remaining indebtedness, which it is thought will be accomplished during the next year. The strikes among the laborers have operated against the financial progress of the mission during the past year. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Will's Creek Mission, Somerset Co.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since last October. It consists of four congregations, White Oak, Mount Lebanon, Fair Hope, and Hyndman. All of the congregations have church-buildings, except Fair Hope. A new church at Hyndman was erected and dedicated during the past year, at a cost of \$1700. Members, 195. S. S. scholars, 155. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 7. Benevolence, \$146. Local objects, \$842. Value of church property, \$4500, including interest in a union church. Indebtedness, \$450. The mission is a new charge, formed by the division of the Meyersdale charge. The results show the propriety of the change. The prospects are that the mission will become self-sustaining in a few years. The field is an interesting one, and offers favorable openings for missionary work. It is also a difficult one to cultivate as the congregations are widely separated, and the

pastor is often exposed to the inclemency of the seasons; but he has been successful in giving them a new impulse, and in bringing them nearer together in spirit. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$140. Pastor S. T. Wagner.

Trinity Mission, Scottdale, Westmoreland Co.—This congregation was constituted a mission by the Classis of Westmoreland, and supplied with a pastor on the 1st of June last. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 3. Benevolence, \$1.62. Amount of salary promised, \$350. Value of church property, \$4450. Present indebtedness, \$545. Reduction, \$710. Church papers, 10. Attendance good, and spiritual progress encouraging. The mission is preparing to renovate its church and to erect for itself a parsonage. With some assistance from the Board, the mission has good prospects of becoming self-sustaining in the course of a few years. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, A. W. J. Best.

McKeesport.—Recently a new mission was formed, comprising Braddock, Turtle Creek, and McKeesport as preaching places, and the Rev. H. D. Darbaker placed over it as missionary. Prospect thus far encouraging. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Congregations, 2. Members, 110. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 6. Losses, 10. Benevolence, \$50. Local objects, \$450. The mission has a valuable church building, a good parsonage, on the latter there is an indebtedness of about \$500, on which \$50 have been paid during the year. This mission has been a long time under the care of the Board, and the pastor expresses his regrets that difficulties beyond his control stand still in the way of its progress towards becoming self-supporting. He thinks that it will be best to build up chapels in the neighboring country, thus strengthening the charge and saving to the church those members who cannot be reached in any other way. At present he is preaching at a point about eight miles from the city, and at that place a chapel is to be erected during the coming year. If this succeeds, other points will receive attention. This course meets with the approbation of the Board. Appropriation last year \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, A. K. Kremer.

Middlebrook, Augusta Co.—During the past year the Middlebrook charge was divided, as referred to in our last report. Both divisions were declared missions, and placed under the Board with appropriations, which it is thought will be needed not more than a few years at most. The mission at Mint Spring was connected with St. John's Church, so as to form one charge, whilst the congregations at Middlebrook and Newport remained to form another. The congregation at Middlebrook purchased an unfinished church belonging to another denomination, completed it, and dedicated it to the worship of God as a Reformed Church. This was a judicious movement, and the result shows that it has gone very far to strengthen the interests of the church in that part of the Classis. Members in this mission, 68. S. S. scholars, 165. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 3. Church property worth, \$2500. Indebtedness, \$300, under the Board since June last. It has much material which it may gather into the church, outlook encouraging. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore.

Mint Spring Mission.—Constituted a mission during the year. Supplied at present by a committee of Classis. St. John's Church has a membership of 100 members. Trinity Church at Mint Spring has a church building, but no organized congregation. One, however, will be organized as soon as a pastor can be secured. Church property owned by the mission is worth between four and five thousand dollars. The mission may hereafter be strengthened by establishing preaching points in the surrounding regions. Two Sunday-schools. Appropriation, \$150. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.—Members, 100. S. S. scholars, 76. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 18. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$385. Value of property, \$2200. No indebtedness. Church papers, 26. Under the Board, 13 years. The mission has good prospects of being strengthened by the tide of foreign emigration flowing into the State. When the members become better established in their business interests, they will cheerfully withdraw from the shelter of the Board

and provide for themselves. The present fruitful season has been an advantage to the mission, and its prospects are more hopeful than last year when there was a failure in the crops. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year the same. Pastor, N. J. Miller.

MARYLAND.

Sumnerland.—Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 20. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$700. Cost of property, \$6500. Indebtedness \$2250. No reduction. Church papers, 58. A Female and a Youth's Society make monthly contributions for the benefit of the church. The unfortunate strike among the miners compelled some 40 members to remove temporarily from their homes and seek employment elsewhere. Losses by deaths, and removals, 10. Under present pastor eight years. The debt and the strikes have operated unfavorably upon the mission, but the attendance on the means of grace has been good. The pastor attends to the wants of the young who are becoming English, and an English congregation is growing up in the bosom of the mother church. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—Three congregations, one at Ridgely, one near Easton in Talbot Co., and a third in Queen Ann Co. Members, 68. Losses by removals, 10. S. S. Scholars, 40. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 5. Church papers, 12. Benevolence, \$3.58. The new church at Ridgely was dedicated last spring. Its cost was about \$2000, with little or no indebtedness resting on it. The mission has been under the Board between three and four years. It is a matter of regret that the congregation at Ridgely has failed during this period of time to raise the salary for the pastor, which was expected when he became its missionary. The deficiency has partly been made up by the gifts and contributions of other churches, and partly by the manual labor of the missionary himself. To some extent his health has failed in consequence of exposure and hard work, and he thinks it would be best if the Board would assign him another field of usefulness. Appropriation last year, \$320. This year, ———. Pastor, J. H. Hannabery.

East Baltimore.—The establishment of a mission in the eastern section of the city of Baltimore, referred to in our last annual report, has made some, although not much progress during the year. An examination has been made for the location of a chapel, the Classis of Maryland have promised to assist in its erection to the amount of \$1000, and our conclusion, based on inquiries made, is that \$2000 more can be secured for this object in the churches of Baltimore—provided there is no further delay in initiating a movement to begin some actual work. Vacant.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—As this mission seemed to be making slow progress, and had suffered some losses, our missionary, Mr. Gurley, by advice of his brethren and the approbation of the Board, accepted of a position in Catawba College as one of its professors, retaining, however, his connection with the mission by supplying it himself or getting some one else to take his place. In addition, he supplied the East Rowan charge during the summer, after its pastor had resigned, preached, made pastoral visitations and catechized the youth. Under all the circumstances of the case, it has been thought best that Concord should be connected with the Central Rowan charge, and give its pastor a small appropriation. Mr. Gurley will then withdraw from this field at the end of this year—the 1st of November, and will need no further support. Appropriation \$250. This year, \$50. Pastor, G. D. Gurley.

Lincolnton, Cabarrus Co.—Our interest at this place remains about the same as it was one year ago. The attendance at divine worship—once a month—is good and some additions have been made to the church. It deserves the attention of the Board—at least until some arrangement can be made by which it may be connected with other points, so as to strengthen it and make it self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$50. This year the same. Pastor, J. A. Foil.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grace Church, Washington.—Members, 62. S. S. scholars, 48. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$5. Local objects, \$500. Cost of chapel, \$4700. Of ground, \$3240. Present value, \$10,000. The indebtedness, about \$2200, has been

assumed by friends of the mission, with the understanding that it is to be paid hereafter by the assessments made by the Classis, for the erection of the chapel. As, however, interest must be paid on the notes as they are renewed from time to time, it is a matter of great importance that the congregations, which have not as yet paid their apportionments for the Washington Chapel, should do so with the least possible delay. In this way much interest may be saved, and the money be devoted for other useful purposes. The mission itself pays no interest, and so it may be said to be practically without any debt. As already announced in the papers of the church, the new chapel was dedicated to the worship of God on the last Sunday in April. It is a neat and attractive structure, in an eligible part of the city, and the Board congratulates the church in view of the success which has crowned its efforts to establish a Christian Church in the National Capital. A good beginning has been made in the structure which has been erected to serve for a time for the wants of the mission; but as the congregation grows and its wants increase, a larger and more imposing building will be needed, for which there is ample room on the lot of ground on which the present house stands. The building up of a distinctly Reformed Church in such a place as Washington is encumbered with difficulties of a peculiar kind; but with the continuance of the divine blessing, which has thus far rested on this undertaking, we may hope that the vine here planted will grow and be abundantly fruitful in future years. Since the mission has been permitted to worship in a home of its own, it has received a new impulse, and both pastor and people, thankful for what God has done for them thus far, have experienced a new inspiration to go forward with the work committed to their hands. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Mission.—Under the care of the Board of the Eastern German Synod, but assisted in part by this Board. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms, 105. Additions, 25. Benevolence, \$100. Local objects, \$700. Original cost of property, \$4,000. Present value, \$5,000. Indebtedness, \$100. Reduction, \$700. Church papers, 110. Contributions of Missionary Society, \$100. Members in the Missionary Society, 40. Attendance about 100. Quarterly rental on leased ground, \$112. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Church, Emporia.—During the past year this mission was unfortunate in losing its pastor, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, who, on account of his health and inadequate support, felt compelled to withdraw from the field. Since then it has been vacant, and its interests as a matter of course have suffered. During the month of July the Rev. D. B. Shuey, under the direction of the Board, visited the mission, administered the communion, and by personal intercourse sought to encourage the members. With his consent he was elected pastor of the congregation, and the Board then tendered him the appointment of missionary to Emporia and of superintendent of our missionary interests in Kansas, which he has accepted. He expects to enter upon his duties in his appointed field of labor by the 1st of November. In the mean time he expects to collect as much money as he can for the purpose of erecting a parsonage and paying off the debt on the church at Emporia. The interests and success of the mission require the adoption of measures of this kind, and it is hoped that Mr. Shuey will meet with encouragement and support in this object, wherever he makes application. Both he and his work commend themselves to the generous liberality of our churches. His visit and the arrangement of the Board have had a happy effect upon the mission in the way of encouragement and hope, and the membership now show a willingness to make a new start and to do what they can. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, D. B. Shuey.

MISSOURI.

Turkio Mission.—The Rev. L. M. Hensell, who was commissioned to labor as missionary in Kansas a year ago, visited various points and preached as opportunities presented themselves. In travelling from place to place he exposed him-

self a great deal, so that during the winter, becoming physically disabled, he asked to be relieved from further service under the Board. This request was granted.

NEBRASKA.

Aurora.—During the past year our missionary, Mr. Erb, has done a large amount of work in the way of exploration. He reports that he finds Reformed people in all parts of the State, but so scattered that it becomes difficult to find them near enough to each other to form them into organizations. He now has six places at which he preaches once or twice a month, of which the farthest off from his home in Athora is 80 miles. During the fall and winter he expects to fill appointments during the week time. He continues to preach at Aurora, where we have members but as yet no organization. At York, where he preaches once a month, he expects to organize a congregation at the next communion, for which the people are now ready. At Hampton he preaches once a month to a few members with gradually increasing audiences. In Saunders Co. he preaches to an organized congregation, and the people show a willingness to do what they can for his support. Six miles from this place, at Ithaca, there are Reformed families, whom he expects to organize into a congregation. There are Reformed families in Salina Co., sixty miles from Athora, whom he expects to visit at an early day. A short time ago a colony of some twenty German Russians, twenty-five miles from Athora, applied to Mr. Erb for a Reformed minister, and he promised to do for them whatever he could in the future. Thus far he reports forty members. Many still stand aloof, who will be gathered into the church, as his work gives promise of permanency. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Thus far the missionary has to a great extent been doing the work of a pioneer; but it is easy to see that, if it is kept up persistently for a number of years, it will result in a large increase, and the establishment of many new churches. Thus far he has been receiving only a small compensation for his services, but the prospects are that this will increase from year to year, as the country improves. Last winter he received help in the way of missionary boxes—one from a Presbyterian Church in Ohio, he knew not how—and he will need similar help during the coming winter. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Appropriation, last year, \$300. This year the same. Pastor, Edmund Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

Salem's Church, Napa.—After the withdrawal of pastor De Geller from Napa the Rev. George Maecktersheimer, our missionary in Washington Territory, was engaged by the Board to take his place at Napa. As there seemed no immediate prospect that the mission would become self-sustaining for years to come, pastor M. commenced preaching at three other points, with the view of strengthening his charge, at Sonoma, St. Helena and Valleys. There are favorable prospects of organizing a congregation at Sonoma at an early day, with 36 members. It is too soon to speak of his success at the other points, but it may be said that thus far there is no reason for discouragement. It is believed that in this way the mission will become self-supporting, and the course of the missionary is commended by the Board. The congregation at Napa holds its own, but its indebtedness—\$500—is still very much in the way of its progress. No statistics given this year. Appropriation last year, \$300. No appropriation for the present. Pastor, George Maecktersheimer.

Stockton.—During the past year, the Reformed Church at Stockton, in the beginning cherished and supported by this Board, but, for a number of years past, self-sustaining and apparently prosperous, met with a great calamity. After its regular pastor resigned and withdrew from the field, a so-called minister of the Gospel crept in unawares, occupied the pulpit, and succeeded in inducing a large portion of the members to withdraw from the Reformed Church and connect themselves with his own denomination. He further succeeded in getting the charter changed in one of the lower courts, on the false assumption that the congregation was a so-called Independent Reformed Church, and as such, had a right to alienate its property and transfer it to somebody else. Under these circumstances, the Board authorized the Rev. E. De Geller to proceed as our missionary to Stockton, and to do what he could to save the Reformed Church from entire destruction. In this

he has been thus far, under the blessing of God, successful. He has rallied such members as he could find that were true to the Church, and has been preaching for them in such places as were available. A suit has been entered, the intruder ejected for the time being at least, and the church closed by the sheriff, until the Supreme Court of California decides the true ownership of the church. The case was to be decided last week, and if there has been no postponement, we may expect to hear the result soon. The property is worth about \$5,000, and the cost of the suit may be somewhere between four and five hundred dollars. Appropriation the same as at Napa, \$300. Pastor, Eugene De Geller.

Alameda.—During the course of the year, pastor Hartman informed the Board that his labors at Alameda did not seem to be productive of good results, and so he made the request that he be assigned to some other field on the Pacific coast, where he could be more useful. He was unwilling to receive money from the church, unless he had some prospect of building up a Christian congregation among the Germans at Alameda. At the time he wrote to us he did not see that this could be done, and so he asked to be allowed to go elsewhere to preach the Gospel. Subsequently, however, a change took place in his prospects and he concluded to remain at his post. Some twenty persons at Oakland came forward and entreated him to organize them into a church, which he consented to do. The new organization is called "Immanuel's Church at Oakland." The course pursued by the missionary has been approved by the Board. His prospects now are more encouraging than they were one year ago. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 12. Appropriation last year \$400. This year the same. Pastor, C. Hartman.

OREGON.

Portland.—Three congregations, Portland, Astoria and Oak Point. Members 130. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 40. Additions, 13. Benevolence, \$25. Local Objects, \$746. Property, \$8,000. No debt. Congregation at Astoria expects to build a church; have been offered a large amount of lumber for that purpose. At Oak Point the members are also adopting measures to build a church with good prospects of success. At Portland the congregation propose to build a parsonage during the year. The Anglo-German Institute belonging to the mission is taught by the daughter of the missionary, assisted by her father and another teacher. It has met thus far with good success, and has proved itself a useful auxiliary to the mission. It is now proposed to convert this school into a Mission house, for the purpose of preparing young men for the office of the ministry and the profession of teaching in the interests of the Reformed Church on the Pacific Coast, and the missionary asks for the counsel of the Board and the Synod in the matter. The mission proposes to be self-supporting after the 1st of October, 1882, under certain conditions. Appropriation last year, \$200. Self-sustaining. Under the Board eight years. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Members, 56. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 7. S. S. Scholars, 20. Pastor Muellhaupt has ceased preaching at Waldo Hills, and referred the congregation to Classis for supplies, in order that he might give attention to other points, where congregations may be organized. Once a month he preaches, at present, in Albany city, where he has the prospect of organizing a congregation at an early day. Recently he visited a Swiss settlement in Washington Territory, destitute of the means of grace, where perhaps something may be accomplished in the future. For the last six years the mission at Salem has been worshipping in a rented hall, which has been a barrier in the way of its progress. Encouraged by the Board, it has recently purchased a valuable property, consisting of a church, two lots, and an old parsonage, for \$2000. In a few years it will be worth double or treble that amount. Thus far \$450 have been advanced to effect the purchase, and the balance is to be paid in two annual installments, falling due on the 1st of October, 1883 and 1884, bearing interest at nine per cent. The Board has promised to assist the mission in this undertaking, to the extent of \$250, out of monies received for church-building purposes. Of this amount \$60 have been already paid by contributions sent from the Easton and Frederick congregations, which were thankfully received by the pastor and his flock. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Muellhaupt.

Stafford, Clackamas County.—In November last the two congregations organized by pastor Lange—St. Peter's, near Oregon City, and St. John's, near New

Era,—at his request were supplied with a pastor of their own, in the person of Rev. Frederick Ewald, sent to this country last year by the St. Chrischona Pilger Institute, at Basel, Switzerland. The thirty-six members of these two small congregations now support their own pastor. The first mentioned has erected a commodious parsonage, in which it worships for the present, and expects to erect a house of worship at an early day. The church at New Era, with the help of \$50 appropriated by the Board of Missions, for which the pastor and members express their heart-felt thanks, are at present building themselves a small house of worship, which will be finished and dedicated at an early day. Pastor Lange, on account of failing health, has been compelled to confine his activity to the single congregation at Meridian, where he has been preaching, teaching school, teaching music, and catechising the youth. Providence alone has prevented him from making long missionary tours, or assisting neighboring brethren, as he was formerly accustomed to do. It is now his purpose to make a visit to Germany, for the benefit of his health, but at the earnest entreaty of Classis and his congregation, he has promised to remain with his flock, if his health permits, until a successor comes in and takes his place. It will be observed that there are now two charges in his field, one of which is self-supporting, both of which may be said to have grown out of the small mission at Salem. Members of the Meridian congregation, 31. S. S. Scholars, 24. Baptisms, 3. Losses, 5. Additions, 2. Contributed for congregational purposes, \$400. Value of church property, \$900, dedicated, without any debt on it, in June last, amidst general rejoicing, in which neighboring congregations served by Pastor Lange took part. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Julius Lange.

West Union, Washington County.—This mission was taken under the care of the Board during the past year, and its pastor was received from a sister denomination. He has one small congregation with seventeen members, and a Sunday-school with ten scholars; but he makes many missionary tours—on foot—from place to place, preaching every Sunday, and as often as he can during the week. He has the pleasure of seeing that his labors are appreciated. Some of his hearers travel as far as ten miles, on the Sabbath, to attend divine services. Much of his time is spent in visiting the people who are scattered about, so that he may converse and pray with them, and read to them the word of God. It would assist him very much in his work, he thinks, if he could take with him, in his visits, some good books and religious tracts in the German language, and present them to the people. Some of them have no Bibles, and others have no books to read. This missionary is inadequately supported. With \$56 as salary from the people, and a small appropriation from the Board, he cannot support himself and family. It is a case in which relief is needed, especially during the coming winter. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$200. Pastor H. Stauss.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattel.—Pastor Kreuter, during the year, has rendered valuable assistance to pastor Gantenbein in his missionary work. For a while he preached at the Dalles, but owing to difficulties and changes in the place, he withdrew, and by advice of Classis, has been supplying the mission at Seattel. During the year he has also preached at Walla-Walla. Unfortunately, his annual report failed to reach the Superintendent, and he is not able to report the results of his activity. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor A. Kreuter.

IOWA.

The following missions in Iowa were placed under this Board at the suggestion of the Potomac Synod, and by the request of the Classis of Iowa, and with this understanding, the Synod promised to contribute \$450 for their support during the year. The Synod of Pittsburg further promised to contribute \$250 for the same object.

Pleasant Valley Mission, Fremont Co.—This mission was organized in May, 1879 by the Rev. D. P. Lefever with 17 members, and placed under the Board of Missions of Iowa Classis, with an appropriation.

It has at present 65 members, a Sunday-school of 30 scholars, exclusive of the adults who are accustomed to attend regularly, and a catechetical class of ten young persons. Three children were baptized, \$50 contributed to benevolence,

and \$250 for local objects. The attendance on divine services is good and improving. The new church, built in September last, cost \$1500, and was dedicated without any debt resting on it. The mission is gaining a firmer foothold in the community, has based itself on true Christian principles, and seeks to make a stand against the surrounding tide of worldliness, intemperance, the foolish amusements of the world, and other sins abounding in a new country. The support of the pastor all told, including the appropriation of the Board, during the year, did not amount to more than \$275, from which it is plain enough that, unless he had employed some means of his own (his pension), must have come to want. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, \$125. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

Beamen Mission, Grundy Co.—The missionary commenced his work in this field on the 1st of October, 1881, with one organized congregation. Since then he has organized another congregation at Liscomb in Marshall Co.—eighteen miles distant—with eight members. The charge thus consists of two congregations. Members, 31. S. S. scholars, 99. Benevolence, \$32.98. Local objects, \$55. One missionary society with 36 members, each paying ten cents per month. Church papers, 10. The Lord's supper administered quarterly. No church buildings, but in case there are no losses by removals or otherwise one, if not two, new churches will be erected during the coming year. Many of the members came from the East originally, and are liberal in their support of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Pastor, Henry Bair.

Three other missions in the Iowa Classis were taken under the Board, but from these no annual reports, giving statistics, have been received. They are as follows: *Wilton Mission*, Muscatine Co.—Appropriation, \$125. Pastor, S. C. Long; *Brandon Mission*, Buchanan Co.—Appropriation, \$180. Now vacant; and *Leighton Mission* on the rail-road running from Oskaloosa to Des Moines, vacant, but supplied by Rev. J. H. Busa. Appropriation not given.

Ursinus Union.—The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Missionary Committee of the Ursinus Union, reports that since the last annual meeting of the synod, he has received and paid out for missionary purposes \$771.61. A part of this amount was used for the support of a missionary under the care of the Board, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions	55, last year,	45
Members in the missions.....	5,355,	4,159
Baptisms during the year.....	720,	720
Additions during the year.....	655,	588
Sunday-school scholars.....	4,886,	3,406
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$1,923,	\$932
" " for local objects.....	\$25,196,	\$18,927
Estimated value of property belonging to the missions.....	\$188,860,	\$164,000
Reduction of Indebtedness.....	\$5,238,	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that the income of the Board during the year, from all sources up to date was, for missions \$11,804, for Washington Chapel \$3,065, and for Church Building Fund, \$54, in addition to some contributions to this object included in the general fund. Whole amount \$14,923. It compares favorably with the contributions of previous years.

For the coming year the Board will need \$16,500 in order to meet current expenses, for which we recommend that the Synods raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$9,000
The Synod of the Potomac.....	4,250
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	3,250

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board is pleased to see that our churches are beginning to send in their contributions to the Church Building Fund, and it recommends to the Synods to

reiterate their requests of last year, and encourage churches and individuals to do more for this object during the coming year.

As the Board finds it difficult to supply its missions with pastors, owing to the want of ministers, it recommends to the Synods, to adopt measures to induce more of our young men to devote themselves to the ministerial work.

The Board recommends to the Synods to adopt all suitable measures to diffuse missionary intelligence, to awaken the missionary spirit, and to develop the liberality of our people in promoting the interests of Christ's Kingdom in the missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,
Superintendent.

September 19, 1882.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States :

I beg leave to present the following report of the finances of the Board during the past Synodical year. Contributions for Missions were made as follows by the several Classes comprising the three Synods, viz. :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 85.52	
" Tohickon	369.88	
" Goshenhoppen	657.63	
" East Pennsylvania	1,092.18	
" Lebanon	1,149.11	
" Lancaster	625.28	
" East Susquehanna	203.00	
" West Susquehanna	651.96	
" Lehigh	527.06	
Total from the Synod of the United States		\$5,361.62

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$ 357.66	
" Maryland	1,418.56	
" Mercersburg	1,241.63	
" Virginia	301.85	
" San Francisco	24.80	
" North Carolina	75.65	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		\$3,420.15

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset	\$ 30.09	
From Treasurer of Synod	2,674.50	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh		\$2,704.59

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy (loaned away)	\$ 500.00	
" " (interest)	167.83	
" other legacies	78.00	
" Reformed Church Emporia, Kans	5.00	
" Ladies' Missionary Society, Ev. Ref. Ch., N. Y.	25.00	
" E. & S. Diefenbacher, Michigan	10.00	
" collections in Neb., per Rev. E. Erb	25.00	
" " at Synod of Danville	24.36	
" loans	400.00	
		\$1,235.19
		\$12,721.55
Balance in Treasury Oct. 3, 1882.		1,230.97
Total from all sources		\$13,952.52

Disbursements.

Balance in the Treasury Oct. 3, 1881	\$1,203.97
Paid orders of the Board during the year	12,074.26
" Rev. D. S. Fouse, of Iowa Classis	280.00
Balance in the Treasury Sep. 19, 1882	394.29
	<hr/> \$13,952.52

Note.—The loan of \$400 remains unpaid.

We certify that the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States, was this day audited by us and found correct, and a balance of Three hundred and ninety-four dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$394.29) found in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hands at Harrisburg, Pa., this 20th day of September, 1882.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
D. W. GROSS,
Committee of Auditors.

Washington Mission.

The following sums were received during the year for Washington Mission, viz.:

From Classis of Lancaster	\$ 183.43	
" " Lebanon	411.00	
" " Lehigh	144.32	
" " Tohickon	164.43	
" " Goshenhoppen	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$953.18
" " Zion's	25.00	
From Classis of Mercersburg	214.16	
" " Maryland	1,869.18	
	<hr/>	\$2,108.34
One-half of collection of Pittsburgh Synod		14.00
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Total	!	\$3,075.52

Note.—The Board is indebted on loans the sum of \$1,600.00, towards the payment of which there is in the Treasury \$222.73.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following report:

The documents placed in our hands are: The Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board.

It is a matter of gratification that the sacred cause of Missions has received from our Church, during the last year, so marked a degree of attention. The number of Missions has increased, and of those previously under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board, many have grown in strength, thus approaching nearer the time when they can be declared self-supporting.

The liberality of the Church in this important part of her work has been commendable. But it is plain that, in our alms, we have come short of the full measure of our ability, and have given but a small part of what the Lord really requires of us. While so many are hungering for the Bread of life, we should feel deeply the force of the command given by the Great Head of the Church, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"; and should enter upon the missionary work during the coming year with renewed energy and zeal, resolved to do all in our power to hasten the coming of that time when at the "name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess Him to be Lord to the glory of God the Father."

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the pastors within the bounds of this Synod be directed to

preach at least once during the coming year upon the subjects both of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the member of the Board of Missions in each Classis be directed to arrange with pastors and consistories to hold Missionary Festivals in each charge where they have not recently been held; but this action shall not apply to such Classes as have otherwise provided for this matter.

3. *Resolved*, That in order to diffuse missionary intelligence among the people, the pastors and consistories in the Pittsburgh Synod be, and are hereby, requested to use their influence in the circulation of the *Missionary Herald*.

4. *Resolved*, That all pastors be instructed to take at least one collection during the coming Synodical year for the Church Extension Fund, and that the Board now elected be directed to go forward and mature a plan for securing a fund by one hundred dollar subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH.
H. D. DARBAKER

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER.
S. C. REMSBERG.

A Missionary meeting was held on Sunday evening, presided over by the chairman of the Committee on Missions.

The order of exercises was as follows:

1. Divine services.
2. The Home Mission Field—Rev. S. Z. Beam.
3. The Foreign Mission Field—Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D. D.
4. The Missionary work of the Pittsburgh Synod—Rev. C. U. Heilman.

5. The Missionary work of the congregation—Rev. J. H. Prugh.

The collection amounted to some \$20, which was devoted to Church Extension and handed to said Board.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

BRETHERN:—The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary respectfully report:

The Board met in the usual Spring and Autumn sessions. At its May meeting it organized by electing D. W. Gross, President, G. W. Hensel, Vice President, John B. Roth, Treasurer, Edward J. Zahm, Secretary.

At this meeting it took up the action of Synod in reference to the financial condition of the Seminary and concluded to send out circulars to every pastor in the Synod, interested in the support of the Seminary, and as far as practicable to every Classis.

This matter was attended to by our Executive Committee, but we regret to state the responses have been very few. One Classis, Westmoreland, has responded through its treasurer, sending us \$77.35 from nine congregations, and two other congregations, one in West Susquehanna, and one in Philadelphia Classes have sent sums aggregating \$30.56. We have heard from a few other congregations promising collections, and we trust that the Synod may endorse our action and urge such Classes of congregations as have not yet taken action to give us the benefit of at least one collection as promptly as possible.

Synods will see by the report of our Treasurer that the deficit in the income of our Institution still continues and hence the continued need of efforts for its relief. This state of things will not be remedied until our endowment is increased. We have this in prospect but it is not yet available, and it would be much wiser for the church through the Synods to do all in its power to make good this deficiency so that our endowment may not be impaired.

The Potomac Synod at its meeting in 1881 voted \$100 to pay its pro rata of the deficiency in the income of the Seminary. This we regarded as a proper plan, *provided* the money be forthcoming, but as yet nothing has been paid on this sum, but we suppose it will be at the coming meeting of that Synod. We also call the attention of Synods to the expenses of the Board in meeting and in the transaction of its business. The Board is composed of eighteen members,—nine from the Synod of the United States, six from the Potomac and three from the Pittsburg Synod. It is often difficult to get enough members together for a quorum and we are satisfied that one reason is the expense of traveling to and from the meetings. We suggest that the members from the different Synods who may attend the meetings of our Board be directed to present, to the Synod from which they come, their bill of expenses incurred in attendance at the meetings and that the same be referred by the Synod to their Financial Committee, with the view of having them incorporated in the contingent expenses of Synod and that the Treasurers of the Synods be directed to pay said bills out of this fund.

In reference to the Seminary property at Mercersburg your Board recommend that the Synod of the United States, with the concurrence of the Pittsburgh Synod, transfer, by deed, the entire property to Potomac Synod with such reservation as may be proper in the judgment of the Synods to prevent future friction or conflict between the Synods in reference to the matter of Theological Seminaries.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *Pres.*
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Sec.*

Lancaster, Pa., September 28, 1882.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The undersigned presents the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of Lancaster:

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the year, three in number: Theodore G. Frank, Calvin B. Holler, and Lewis Reiter. The two latter are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Frank had received his preparatory training in a gymnasium before he came to this country from Germany. Mr. Reiter, after remaining a brief period in the Seminary, embraced what he considered a good opportunity to teach school for a year. In this way he expects to complete his studies in the Seminary with less dependence on the Church for his support.

The members of the Senior Class, five in number, having completed the course of study prescribed in the Seminary, and having sustained a creditable examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual testimonial setting forth these facts at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows:

WILSON D. DONAT, GEO. W. KERSCHER,
JAMES R. LEWIS, JACOB J. ROTHROCK,
CHRISTIAN W. SUMMY.

With one exception, they have all found their places in the Master's Vineyard, and are now occupying posts of usefulness in the Gospel Ministry.

Of the Middle Class, twelve in all, three were absent from the Seminary during the year, for reasons that were deemed satisfactory to the Faculty and the Board. All the rest of the students pursued their studies without interruption during the entire term. Their conduct was good, their progress in study commendable, and their examinations satisfactory to the Board.

As the number of students in actual attendance in the Seminary—only sixteen—was much smaller than it was during previous years, the Board requested the Secretary to direct the attention of the Synod to this fact in his annual report. The decrease referred to is owing partly to the circumstance that a large class left the Seminary last year; partly to an impression that had gone out into the Church a few years ago that we had more ministers than were needed; but mostly to some more general cause, which had operated in the Churches of this country generally, which is shown by the fact that other Seminaries have the

same experience to report as our own. A few years ago the supply of ministers in our denomination was nearly or quite equal to the demand. This, however, is not the case at the present time. There are very few of our ministers in this section of the Church, in the enjoyment of health and strength, that are not engaged in the active duties of the Ministry; but there are vacant charges and missionary fields which cannot be supplied at present without calling ministers from other fields, where they are usefully occupied. The Board, therefore, urges the Synods to adopt measures which will tend to encourage a larger number of the young men of the Church to devote themselves to the work of the Ministry. They should be sought out and induced to enter upon a thorough preparation for this high and holy calling. Unless this is done at the present time, the prospect now is that the progress of the Church, and of its missionary work, will in the next ten years be seriously retarded. Never before had we better openings for the extension of our borders than at present; but as God works by human instrumentalities, so he calls upon us to enlarge the place of our tent, to spare not, to lengthen our cords, and to strengthen our stakes.

The following minute in regard to the death of the Rev. Dr. Fisher was adopted by the Board at its last meeting, and ordered to be entered upon its minutes, and embodied in its annual report to the Synods:

"It is with deep and sincere sorrow that this Board here records the death of the Rev. S. R. Fisher, DD., who for forty-two years was a most faithful and efficient member of this body. His noble and large-hearted charity, his apostolic spirit, and especially his devotion to the institutions of learning, and the benevolent institutions and enterprises of the Reformed Church, will be cherished as a precious memorial of his untiring fidelity to the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

Sept. 28, 1882. Amount of principal of Endowment Fund reported to Seminary Board is \$69,349.76

\$4,000 yields no interest.

DR.

Sept. 28, 1882. For sundry interests received by Treasurer from Oct. 1, 1881, to date \$3,963.54

CR.

Sept. 28, 1882. By sundry expenditures, per vouchers presented from Oct. 1, 1881, to date	\$4,711.13
Balance due Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1881	1,453.67
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	6,146.80
Amount Dr. brought down	3,963.54
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Balance due Treasurer	\$2,183.26

Library Fund.

Principal	\$2,069.96
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DR.

Oct. 1, 1881. For amount due by Treasurer	\$129.88
" sun dry interests received to Sept. 28, 1882	64.70
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	\$194.58

CR.

Sept. 28, 1882. By sundry bills paid, per vouchers presented to date	122.55
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Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$72.03

<i>Smaltz Fund.</i>	
Amount of principal	\$5,000.00
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<i>DR.</i>	
Sept. 28, 1882. For interest received during the year	\$150.00
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<i>CR.</i>	
Sept. 28, 1882. By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer	\$150.00
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<i>Building Fund.</i>	
Sept. 28, 1882. Amount in hand	\$12,793.05
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<i>Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.</i>	
Sept. 28, 1882. Amount in hand	\$1,718.30
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The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts, and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

J. H. KEEFER,
ISRAEL LAUCKS,
Committee.

Lancaster, Sept. 28, 1882.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on Theological Seminary beg leave to report that the only paper that came into their hands requiring the action of Synod is the report of the Board of Visitors.

From this paper we learn that the number of theological students is smaller than usual and therefore we recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the classes of this Synod be instructed to urge upon pastors and consistories the importance of increasing the number of ministers, and that they seek out such young men as may be induced to offer themselves for the Holy Ministry.

F. B. HAHN, S. Z. BEAM,
W. C. B. SHULENBERGER, C. H. BICEHOUSE,
J. BYERS.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GREENSBURG SEMINARY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would offer the following as their report for the past Synodical year.

We have but one literary institution within the bounds of Synod, viz : the Greensburg Seminary.

This school of the church is partially under our direction, and has received our fostering care. A quorum of the Board attended the last commencement exercises, which were interesting, and showed that teachers and pupils have been doing efficient work. The attendance of day and boarding pupils, during the year was almost one hundred. We again commend the school to the patronage of the church at large. At a late meeting of the Board J. W. Love was re-elected President, and Rev. D. B. Lady, Secretary. The term of office of elders H. L. Baer and John Truxel, and the undersigned expires with this meeting of Synod. As per the action of Synod only two members are to be elected for the ensuing three years. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, *Pres.*

Greensburg, Pa., September 20, 1882.

II. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

The affairs of the Home have moved along pleasantly, and, in some directions, prosperously. The health of the inmates, with a few, though not serious exceptions, has been good. The number of soldiers' orphans has much decreased, thus lessening the income from that source very much, whilst at the same time the benevolent contributions of the church, as compared with those of former years, dwindled down to almost nothing, thus compelling the Board to deny shelter and food to many suffering little ones whose pious parents have been removed to a better world.

Impelled by the imperative necessity of the case, owing to the dilapidated condition of the old north wing, the Board had it removed, to be replaced by the erection of a substantial, though plain, brick structure. The building has been commenced and will be completed by early fall. The new wing will cost about three thousand dollars, and up to this time but little has been received for this work, though the Board, for the past three years, through this Synod and the papers of the church and in all other suitable ways, made known this necessity to the church and praying for the means to accomplish it.

At the close of the year the Rev. F. T. Stauffer tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Home, to take effect at once. The resignation was accepted, but at the request of the Board brother Stauffer consented to remain until his position should be filled by another. The Board at once elected the Rev. P. C. Prugh, who, as we since learned, accepted the office, and will take charge of the Home September 1st, 1882.

With the single exception of the large decrease of contributions by the church during the last year, owing, in part, perhaps, to the sad calamity which befell the Home at Womelsdorf, Mr. Stauffer leaves the Home, in every way, in a most excellent condition. As regards the fertility of the soil and its cultivation: the general out and in-door improvements, the live stock and farming implements, the value of the Home during the term of his management was advanced about fifty per cent.

During the year the Board lost two of its members in the deaths of Elders Abraham Meyer and Eli George, whose warm devotion to the interests of the Home deserves honorable mention. Owing to the extreme dryness of the season the products of the Home farm were, in large measure, a failure, yielding only to the estimated value of six hundred and sixty dollars—demanding increased aid from the church at large, which, unfortunately, instead of increasing, fell off largely above previous years, thus creating a heavy debt, as the orphans in the Home could not be turned out of doors to wander, suffer and perish.

The time of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod: Rev. J. W. Pontious, and Elders W. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., and A. Moyer, deceased; and also the unexpired term of one year of Eli George.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MCCONNELL,

President of the Board.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

The Committee on Institution of Learning desire to make the following report:

Two documents have been placed into our hands, viz: The Report of the St. Paul's Orphan Home and the Report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions.

From these reports we learn the following facts: That the health of the inmates of the Home has been good; that there has been a change of Superintendent; that there is an absolute need for largely increased liberality on the part of the people; that repairs, to the amount of \$3000, have been made in the rebuilding of the north wing; and also that the Greensburg Seminary is in a healthful condition; that the attendance has been more than ordinarily good during the year. In view of these facts, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the present good condition of the Orphans' Home, and that we appreciate the services of the retiring Superintendent, and pray that the blessing of God may follow him into his present field of work.

Resolved, That the different congregations of this Synod be requested to remember the orphans in their prayers and gifts, and that a special effort be made during the coming Christmas season to meet the demand and needs of the Home.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity of the Greensburg Seminary, and that we again recommend it to the patronage of the church at large.

JOHN W. PONTIOUS, J. W. LOVE,
J. S. HARTZELL, JACOB ZIMMERMAN,
LEVI BORTZ.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE S. S. BOARD AS ADOPTED.

The S. S. Board would offer the following report:

One meeting was held during the year. After discussing the various phases of the Sunday-school interests, the Board would recommend the following programme:

1. In what way can this Synod best promote the S. S. work?
Revs. B. B. Ferer and S. B. Bridenbaugh.
2. The aim of S. S. Instruction.
Revs. H. King and D. H. Leader.
3. Duty of parents to the Sunday-school.
Elder T. J. Craig and Rev. A. E. Truxal.

We would also recommend that Friday evening be set apart for the discussion of the above topics, and that the opening speeches be limited to ten minutes, and all others to five minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
JNO. M. EVANS.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

I. REPORT OF BOARD FOR 1881--1882.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh.

Dear Brethren:—The work of Beneficiary Education of your Synod has been carried forward during the past year by your Board with the usual degree of success and care. The Treasurer of Synod at all times responded to the call of the Board when money was needed.

Eight students are at present under our care, of whom one, viz, W. E. Ludwig, was received during the year. Of these but five received aid; the other three thought it necessary to engage in secular pursuits during the year, in order to extricate themselves from financial difficulties.

No complaints have been brought against any of them as to their Christian conduct and behavior, and the grade circulars of these in attendance at our Institutions show that they have been diligent in their studies.

The term of the undersigned, as a member of the Board, expires with this meeting of Synod, and your attention is called to the election of a successor.

Our expenditures and receipts during the year were as follows:

Balance in Treasury Oct. 1881	\$ 98 00
Received from Treasurer of Synod.	650 00
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Total Receipts	\$748 00
Expenditures paid to Beneficiary Students	557 50
Expenses of Rev. J. S. Wagner to Meeting of Board	3 80
Postage and stationery of President	2 00
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Total Expenditures	663 60
Balance in Treasury, September 20, 1882	84 70

To carry forward the work during the coming year, we ask an appropriation of \$1000.
Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *President of the Board.*

Greensburg, Pa., Sept. 1882.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :—Your Committee offer the following :

From the report of the Board we have learned that there are eight students under its care, of which number five have received aid, and also that the young men have been diligent in their studies and consistent in their Christian conduct.

In view of the evident need of a more rapid increase of the Ministry of the Reformed Church and the ability of the Pittsburgh Synod to materially enlarge their contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education, therefore, *Resolved*, That the Board be directed to increase the number of Beneficiary students, provided young men can be secured, who, after careful examination, shall prove mentally and spiritually qualified,

Respectfully submitted,

H. KING. C. GUMBERT.
J. MAY. C. POSCHMAN.
A. O. EREHART.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits the following report:—

During the past year the Board has held three regular meetings. At the first meeting George Gelbach was elected *President*, and Chas. G. Fisher, *Secretary* and *Treasurer* for the ensuing year; the latter was also elected *Superintendent* of the Board. It is perhaps needless to say that at all these, due attention was given to the interests committed to its charge.

It gives the Board great pleasure to report that the year just closed has been one of decided improvement and great encouragement in its affairs and operations. In the two Departments—Periodical and Book—there has been an advance in the receipts over those of last year.

From the Annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the last meeting of the Board, the following summary is gathered, indicating the financial condition of the Establishment:—

Receipts of the year.....	\$43,447.57	
Disbursements	42,953.78	
Excess of Receipts.....	493.79	
Liabilities, July 31, 1881.....	34,434.48	
Liabilities, July 31, 1882.....	30,827.32	
Decrease of Liabilities.....	3,607.16	
General Assets, July 31, 1881.....	42,949.47	
General Assets, July 31, 1882.....	42,879.50	
Decrease of Assets.....	69.97	
General Assets.....	42,879.50	
Add Real Estate	35,000.00	
Total Assets		77,879.50
General Liabilities.....	30,827.32	
Add Mortgage	20,000.00	
		\$50,827.32
Excess of Assets.....		\$27,052.18

As to the Periodicals, it is also gathered from this Statement, that there is, taken as a whole, a considerable increase in their number during the year. Some have suffered a falling off, whilst others have made a decided advance. This will be noticed as they are taken up in their order. "*The Messenger*" has had the addition of 232 subscribers over the discontinuances that usually occur—the whole number of subscribers being, at this time, a fraction less than 6500, which is more than double the number it had when the Publication Office was removed from Chambersburg to Philadelphia in 1864. The continued increase of subscribers is greatly owing to the active operations of our General Agent, H. K. Binkley, in the different charges, he, with the co-operation of the Pastors, has been able to canvass.

In the number of subscribers of "*The Guardian*" there has been a slight decrease of 129. This has been mainly owing to the fact of the Board issuing during the year "*The Scholars' Quarterly*" which some teachers or schools have taken in preference to it as a help in giving instruction in the Sunday School.

It was indeed expected that it would suffer a greater reduction in number, for the reason given, than it has. It gives the Board pleasure to say, that, as a magazine, it is growing in favor among the young of the church, and holding its former position among the Teachers as a valuable help to them in their Sunday School work.

There has also been a decrease of subscribers for "*The Reformed Quarterly Review*" to the number of 25. We should be enabled to report to the contrary in regard to this Periodical. We note also a small decrease in the number of subscribers for "*The Child's Treasury*"—Monthly and Semi-Monthly—115 in the one and 431 in the other. This may be accounted for in the fact that in the endeavor to strike a higher plane—namely, to meet the wants of the youth in our Sunday Schools—there has been a necessary turning from it on the part of the younger children, to "*Sunshine*," it seeming to meet their wants the better. This fact, however, does not detract from the character of the paper in the least, but is the natural consequence of that which has been stated. The paper has evidently been edited with marked ability and to the general satisfaction of its readers.

"*Sunshine*" has increased the greatest in number—1337, and is, we are glad to say, growing in favor and interest.

The decided increase in our Sunday School Helps as a whole, outside of "*The Guardian*," shows conclusively the wisdom of the Synods in committing the preparation of the Lessons and Comments to the management of the Board. The arrangement thus far, has proven satisfactory and they, as well as the form in which they have been issued, have met with general acceptance. Up to the end of

the present fiscal year—running but three-quarters of the year—the number of subscribers for "*The Scholar's Quarterly*" has been 9800, and for the "*Primary Lesson Paper*," 5952, which is certainly up to the expectations of the most sanguine as to the circulation they would have the first year of their issue. Their present circulation is sufficient to insure their having, in due course of time, a wider and greater one and ably filling a long felt want in the Sunday School work of the church. This success of the new Periodicals, has necessarily caused a decrease of 4168 in the number of the former "*Lesson Paper*," now known as the "*Advanced*," but this is greatly overbalanced by the increase of all over what was the number issued last year, which increase is 11,569.

In the Book Department it gives the Board great pleasure to note, as last year, a marked improvement. The Church is more and more coming to the point of giving its patronage to its own Book Store. The receipts in this Department have been over \$2000 more than last year. This has been owing to an increase of trade and a more thorough collection of accounts. It is still believed by the Board that the Church will, in time, see its obligation in giving its undivided support to this particular branch of the Board's operations and find it to its interest to do so.

The number of books printed for this Department during the year has been 26,250, including over 14,000 Church Almanacs.

Wishing to bring the business of the Book Department especially, as near as possible to a cash basis, with the beginning of the next fiscal year (Aug. 1st, 1882), it is proposed to allow a discount of 5 per cent. on all bills—if paid within 30 days of date of same. It is to be hoped that this will have the desired effect and prove to be beneficial to both the buyer and the seller.

The Committee, as in other years, to whom belongs the duty of examining the stock in the store and investigating the financial condition of the Board, was duly appointed, and submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Philadelphia, Sept. 8th, 1882.

Brethren of the Board of Publication.—Your Committee appointed to examine the stock and accounts of the Publishing House beg leave to report:—

That we carefully went over the stock and found it in a good condition. We found it necessary to make but few deductions, and it is the opinion of your Committee that it is worth its present estimated value. We find the stock in the store so arranged that it is easy to see the amount of each class of goods. The store books we find in a good business condition. The new accounts are not large and but little loss need be sustained. The old accounts are in the hands of the collector, and a fair percentage is being collected. You will find statements of stock in store and also of book accounts accompanying this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. B. WINGERD,
B. WOLFF, JR.

The Board has made a satisfactory adjustment of the claim of the Estate of the late Treasurer against it, in the matter of advances made by him, and in accordance with his wishes as expressed in his last will and testament, which were reported to the Synod last year.

During the year the Board has matured the plan of Life-Membership subscriptions of \$100.00 each for "*The Messenger*." This Plan had its origin in a suggestion to that effect, made by an Elder on the floor of Synod at Danville, Pa. The Board thinking well of it, followed it and the result is, a favorable beginning has already been made in securing such. The Plan has been fully explained in the columns of "*The Messenger*," so that it is not necessary to give it here. By resolution of the Board, the amounts received from this source are to be applied to the liquidation of the debt of the Board. An effort has been made to secure an efficient agent to canvass the church for the purpose of securing at least *One Hundred* such subscriptions. It is to be hoped that in this, the Board may be successful, and that the Plan itself may be put into full operation. It certainly

should commend itself to those who are possessed with the means that would enable them to come thus to the help of the Board in its endeavors to rise above its weight of debt, and thus help it to reach that day, when it will be able to devote, what it now pays out of its income for interest, to enlarging its operations in the way of publishing books and the like.

At the last meeting of the Board, the Superintendent was instructed to issue the Music or Tunes for the "Hymns for the Reformed Church" as prepared by the Committee of the Synods, in a separate book; also a pocket, or a 32mo. edition of the Hymns alone, with and without the Forms of the Order of Worship. He was also instructed to re-stereotype, with some improvements in a mechanical way, the Heidelberg Catechism. It is proposed to issue these as soon as possible; one and perhaps all of them, before the end of the year.

The Board has always felt the great necessity of the Church keeping before it continually the wants of its Publication interests, and giving its members an opportunity of contributing towards them. This can be done by lifting at least one collection in each congregation during the year. In years gone by, the Synods have passed resolutions to this effect, but nothing has resulted therefrom. As there now seems to be a greatly revived interest in this part of church activity, the Board at its last meeting passed the following resolution:—

*"Resolved:—*That we hereby renewedly overture the Synods represented in this Board, to see that at least one collection a year be lifted in each congregation belonging to the Synods and paid to our Treasurer, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, for the use of the Publication Board."

Should the Synods take favorable action upon this matter, it is proposed to pursue a plan by which the pastors and congregations shall be kept in mind of the wish of the Synod to which they belong, in regard to this matter.

In February last, a change was made in the Business Agent in charge of the Book Department, by the retirement of Mr. Chas. H. Taylor who had been in the service of the Board for several years. Mr. Louis Boettger, lately in the employ of the American Tract Society, Philadelphia, and a member of the Reformed Church, was appointed to that position. It is to be hoped his long experience may enable him to bring his particular Department up to what it should be—a Church Book Store—as well as a source of much revenue to the Board.

At the request of the present Editor of the "*Reformed Quarterly Review*," the Board appointed Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., as Co-Editor of the same—the appointment to go into effect at the beginning of the next year—the addition of another Editor not involving an increase of expense in the way of salary. Important improvements are contemplated in the conduct of this time-honored Quarterly with the opening of the new volume.

The terms of the following Trustees of the Board will expire at the end of the present year:—George Gelbach, from the Synod of the United States, and Adam B. Wingerd from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve, therefore, upon these two Synods, at their next annual Sessions, to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board.

The Board has great reason to be gratified at the present prosperous condition of the important interests committed to its care, and is greatly encouraged to go forward; all it asks is the hearty and united co-operation and substantial aid and support of the Church—which it has every reason to expect—and there is full assurance that greater results and a far brighter day for the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD may be reached in the near future.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary.*

GEO. GELBACH, *President.*

Sept. 15, 1882.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee would offer the following:—The only papers that came into our hands were the annual report of the Board of Publication from August 1,

1881 to July 31, 1882, and the annual statement of receipts and disbursements from August 1, 1881, to August 1, 1882.

After the examination of the paper we find them exceedingly satisfactory in every particular. It gives us great pleasure to note that the year just closed shows decided improvement in the affairs and operations of the Board. And greatly encouraged are its members from the fact that there is a decrease of all liabilities to the amount of \$3,600 more than of any years preceding.

As to the periodicals we are glad to gather from the report that there was, taken as a whole, a considerable increase in their number of subscribers during the year. And while commending again to the pastors and congregations, through the classes the time-honored *Messenger*, *The Guardian*, *Child's Treasury* and *Sunshine*. We recommend that the following be passed, that

WHEREAS, The *Scholar's Quarterly* and *Primary Lesson Paper* have fulfilled the expectations of the most sanguine and proven themselves invaluable helps to our Sunday School scholars, therefore,

Resolved, That the several classes of Synod be, and are hereby, requested to call the attention of their several schools to the latter, and urge upon all schools to adopt them.

Item 2. We note with regret that the number of subscribers to the *Reformed Quarterly Review* has decreased during the past year. but commend most heartily the appointment by the Board of the Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., as co-editor of this valuable periodical.

In the book department it gives us great pleasure to note a decided improvement, and to more greatly encourage the Board.

Item 3. *Resolved*, that the several classes of Synod be, and are hereby, recommended to urge upon their several schools to give their patronage and undivided support to this particular branch of the Board's operations.

Item 4. And whereas the Board has overtured the Synods represented by them to devote, each year, one collection among the several congregations for the use of the Board therefore,

Resolved, That pastors be, and are hereby, directed to devote, each year, one collection in each congregation for the use of the Publication Board. And in those congregations where the envelope system is in use that the interests of the Publication Board be made one of the objects of benevolence. These collections to be sent to the Synodical Treasurer for that purpose.

JOHN H. PRUGH, J. M. SHICK,
J. S. WIAINT, GEORGE DOVERSPIKE.

The clerk was ordered to publish two thousand copies of the Minutes of Synod and distribute them as usual.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. CRAIG, *Treasurer, in account with Pittsburgh Synod.*

1881.

DR.

CLARION CLASSIS.

Oct. 8,	To Cash Check of Rev. D. S. D., Treasurer, :	\$107 45
1882.		
Jan. 4,	" " " " " :	57 19
	Received from Rev. J. Wolbach, " :	50 00

Mar. 8,	To Cash Check of Rev. D. S. D., Treasurer,	.	.	163	36
" 24,	" " " " " "	.	.	75	00
May 2,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
" 17,	" " " " " "	.	.	62	94
June 22,	" " " " " "	.	.	326	72
Sep. 12,	" " " " " "	.	.	166	71
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ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

1881.					
Oct. 8,	To Cash from C. M. Boush, Treasurer,	.	.	\$10	00
Nov. 29,	" " " " " "	.	.	60	21
1882.					
Jan. 20,	" " " " " "	.	.	80	00
May 1,	" " " " " "	.	.	30	00
" 18,	" " " " " "	.	.	21	79
June 12,	" " " " " "	.	.	150	00
Aug. 27,	" " " " " "	.	.	40	00
Sept. 15,	" " " " " "	.	.	155	06
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WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1882.					
Feb. 11,	Cash by Check of Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer,	.	.	\$200	00
Mar. 16,	" " " " " "	.	.	250	00
April 1,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
" 27,	" " " " " "	.	.	200	00
May 4,	" " " " " "	.	.	150	00
June 7,	" " " " " "	.	.	300	00
July 19,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
					<hr/> 1300 00

1880. SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Jan. 31,	By Check of Rev. S. R. B., Treasurer,	.	.	100	00
April 13,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
" 20,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
May 31,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
June 2,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
Aug. 23,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
Sept. 20,	" " " " " "	.	.	350	00
					<hr/> 950 00

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

1882					
May 2,	Cash T. J. Craig, Treasurer,	.	.	\$200	00
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
Sept. 18,	" " " " " "	.	.	100	00
					<hr/> 400 00

T. J. CRAIG, Treasurer, in account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1882. MISSIONS.

					CR.
Oct. 8,	Rev. F. P. Hartmetz, Missionary	.	.	\$	10 00
" 12,	" J. M. Souders,	"	.	.	112 50
" "	" J. W. Knappenberger,	"	.	.	131 25
" "	" W. H. Bates,	"	.	.	125 00
" "	" F. R. Schwedes,	"	.	.	50 00
" "	" H. S. Eisenberg,	"	.	.	50 00
Dec. 22,	" F. P. Hartmetz,	"	.	.	15 00
1882.					
Jan. 4,	" J. Wolbach,	"	.	.	50 00
" 12,	" J. W. Knappenberger	"	.	.	131 25
" "	" W. H. Bates,	"	.	.	125 00
" "	" J. M. Souders	"	.	.	112 50
" "	" S. H. Eisenberg,	"	.	.	50 00
" "	" F. R. Schwedes,	"	.	.	25 00

Jan. 12, 1881.	Received of W. H. Schwedes, Treas.,	.	.	.	12 64
Oct. 12, 1882.	" " "	.	.	.	53 00
Feb. 11,	Rev. J. M. Schick, Missionary,	.	.	.	62 50
" "	J. S. Wagner,	.	.	.	37 50
" "	J. Wolbach,	.	.	.	50 00
Mar. 8,	D. G. Klein,	.	.	.	62 50
Apr. 14,	J. Wolbach,	.	.	.	45 83
" 15,	J. W. Knappenberger,	.	.	.	131 25
" 24,	W. H. Bates,	.	.	.	125 00
" "	J. S. Eisenberg,	.	.	.	50 00
29,	J. M. Souders,	.	.	.	112 50
" "	D. G. Klein,	.	.	.	31 25
May 1,	D. H. Leader,	.	.	.	66 67
2,	F. R. Schwedes,	.	.	.	25 90
4,	John Schick,	.	.	.	62 50
July 13,	F. R. Schwedes,	.	.	.	25 00
" "	J. M. Souders,	.	.	.	112 50
" "	W. H. Bates,	.	.	.	125 00
" "	J. H. Knappenberger,	.	.	.	150 00
15,	D. H. Leader,	.	.	.	100 00
17,	D. G. Klein,	.	.	.	62 50
19,	S. D. Eisenberg,	.	.	.	50 00
22,	John Schick,	.	.	.	62 50
22,	S. H. Wagner,	.	.	.	37 50
Sept. 15,	C. W. E. Seigel,	.	.	.	145 83
June 9,	Iowa Mission,	.	.	.	150 00
Sept. 20,	S. G. Wagner,	.	.	.	75 00
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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1881.					
Dec. 14,	Check to Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treas.,	.	.	.	250 00
Mar. 25,	" " " "	.	.	.	250 00
June 9,	" " " "	.	.	.	150 00
					<hr/> 650 00

SUNDRY PAYMENTS.

Jan. 13,	Expense Mailing Minutes	.	.	.	\$16 99
Jan. 13,	Relief of Publication Board	.	.	.	150 88
" "	Expenses of Mission Board	.	.	.	12 20
" "	Salary of Stated Clerk	.	.	.	50 00
Relief of	Trinity Mission, Wilkinsburg	.	.	.	250 09
" "	Publication Board	.	.	.	23 40
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RELIEF OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

Oct. 21,	Collected from Trinity and Zion's Mission	.	.	.	\$7 84
" "	" " Brush Creek Charge	.	.	.	11 27
Nov. 29,	" " Mount Pleasant	.	.	.	6 25
" "	" " Zion's Charge, Crawford Co.	.	.	.	15 00
" "	" " Myers Dale Charge,	.	.	.	7 04
" "	" " Sugar Charge,	.	.	.	4 10
" "	" " Stoystown	.	.	.	6 50
Dec. 27,	" " Beaver	.	.	.	12 00
1882.					
Jan. 4,	" " Zion's & Berlin	.	.	.	10 00
" "	" " Kittanning Church	.	.	.	10 76
" "	" " Curlsville	.	.	.	13 86
5,	" " Pine Run	.	.	.	3 15
7,	" " Beaver	.	.	.	8 60
20,	" " Paradise	.	.	.	7 00

Dec. 31,	Collected from Grace Church	.	.	.	\$11 75	
Mar. 14,	" " Emlenton "	.	.	.	7 15	
Apr. 1,	" " 2d Reformed " Greensburg	.	.	.	13 75	
Feb. 11,	" " Irwin Charge "	.	.	.	6 27	
May 4,	" " New Castle Mission	.	.	.	2 50	
Feb. 18,	" " Pleasant Unity Ch.	.	.	.	9 49	
"	" " Emmanuel, Rev. Snyder	.	.	.	5 00	
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SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

Oct. 8,	Synodical Collection at Synod for Missions	.	.	.	\$3 00	
"	Ref'd. S. S. at Greenville for St. Paul's Orphan Home	.	.	.	22 00	
"	From the same for Foreign Mission	.	.	.	20 00	
"	" Interest on \$425.00 Fund, for Beneficiary Education	.	.	.	25 50	
					<hr/>	118 50

SUMMARY.

Total from Westmoreland Classis	.	.	.	.	\$1300 00	
" " Somerset "	.	.	.	.	950 00	
" " Clarion "	.	.	.	.	1109 37	
" " St. Paul's "	.	.	.	.	547 06	
" " Allegheny "	.	.	.	.	400 00	
" for Relief of Publication Board	.	.	.	.	179 28	
" Sundry	.	.	.	.	118 50	
					<hr/>	\$4604 21
Balance from Current Report	.	.	.	.	1286 55	
					<hr/>	\$5890 76
Summary of Payments for Missions	.	.	.	.	\$3011 47	
" " Beneficiary Education	.	.	.	.	650 00	
" " Relief of Publication Board	.	.	.	.	179 28	
" " Trinity Mission	.	.	.	.	250 00	
" " Sundry Expenses	.	.	.	.	243 48	
					<hr/>	4329 23
Balance in Treasury	.	.	.	.	\$1561 53	
Amount at Interest for Beneficiary Education.	.	.	.	.	425 00	
Sundry Payments and Amount brought up	.	.	.	.	\$503 47	
Bill for Printing Minutes	.	.	.	.	120 00	
St. Paul's Orphan Home	.	.	.	.	20 00	
					<hr/>	643 47
Expense of Synod's Board of Missions	.	.	.	.	24 29	
					<hr/>	\$ 668 76

The following are the apportionments and payments from each Classis:

Westmoreland	.	\$1250 00, paid	.	.	.	\$1300 00
Clarion	.	1075 00, "	.	.	.	1109 37
Somerset	.	1050 00, "	.	.	.	950 00
St. Paul's	.	650 00, "	.	.	.	547 06
Allegheny	.	275 00, "	.	.	.	400 00

Present Arrearages.

Somerset Classis	.	.	.	.	.	667 41
St Paul's "	.	.	.	.	.	498 75
Allegheny "	.	.	.	.	.	817 85

Overpaid.

Westmoreland Classis	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 64
Clarion "	.	.	.	.	.	90 03

Your Committee on Finance would offer the following as their report: We find the Treasurer's report correct. The following sums will be needed to meet Synodical demands:

Wilkinsburg Church Debt	.	.	.	\$ 250 00
Latrobe	.	.	.	267 00
Cumberland	.	.	.	200 00
Missions	.	.	.	3840 00
Beneficiary Education	.	.	.	1000 00
Synodical Expenses	.	.	.	180 00
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				\$ 5737 00

To meet this we propose the following assessments:

Westmoreland Classis	\$1400 00
Clarion Classis	.	.	.	.	1300 00
St. Paul's " Old, \$448, New, 452,	900 00
Somerset " " 667, " 583	1250 00
Allegheny " " 800, " 100	900 00
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					\$5750 00

It will be observed that some of the Classes are but lightly assessed with a view to afford them the opportunity to collect up their old assessments or arrearages.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
ELI SELL,

J. W. LOVE.
WM. ALSHOUSE.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to secure the proper credit for the collection taken at the Synod of Greensburg and voted to the Mission at Washington, D. C. The Treasurer was also authorized to pay the expenses of the Board of Visitors to Theological Seminary hereafter.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Elders S. C. Remsberg and C. H. Bicehouse were appointed to collect the usual fee for the contingent expenses of Synod. The committee reported in due time \$17 25 collected, and were ordered to pay the bill for printing tickets and to hand the remainder to Elder Jac. Brinker.

ARTICLE XX.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was adopted, and the committee ordered to have one hundred tickets printed for Synod's use in the election. The election was made the order of the day for Monday, immediately after the opening of Synod. Revs. B. B. Ferer and F. B. Hahn were appointed tellers. In due time the result was reported as follows:—*Trustee of Synod*, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger; *Directors St. Paul's Orphan Home*, W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, jr., Henry Beahl, Rev. F. Pilgram, for four years; for one year, A. O. Eberhart; *Trustees of Literary*

Institutions, Rev. J. W. Love and Elder John Truxel; *Beneficiary Education Board*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; *Synodical Board of Missions*, Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. H. Prugh; *Sunday-School Board*, Revs. J. W. Pontious, A. A. Black, J. M. Souder, D. H. Leader, S. T. Wagner; *Church Extension Board*, Rev. S. Z. Beam for *five years*; Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, for *four years*; Rev. Dr. J. H. Apple, for *three years*; Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, for *two years*; Elder T. J. Craig, for *one year*; *Trustee of Theological Seminary*, Rev. Dr. J. H. Apple.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For *five years*, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger; for *four years*, Elder T. J. Craig; *three years*, Elder S. C. Remsburg; *two years*, Elder C. M. Bousch; *one year*, Elder John Truxel.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For *four years*, Elders W. E. Schmertz, B. Wolff, Jr., Henry Beahl, Rev. F. Pilgram; *three years*, Revs. J. McConnell, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Elders C. M. Bousch, T. J. Craig; *two years*, Revs. J. Dotterer, F. A. Edmonds, Elders W. R. Barnhart, Peter Keil; *one year*, Revs. J. W. Alspach, M. H. Diefenderfer, J. M. Evans, Elder A. O. Eberhart.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For *three years*, Revs. J. W. Love, Elder Jno. Truxel; *two years*, Revs. H. King, Jac. F. Snyder; *one year*, Revs. D. B. Lady, B. B. Ferer.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For *five years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; *four years*, Rev. J. S. Wagner; *three years*, Rev. H. F. Keener; *two years*, Elder Jac. Hershey; *one year*, Rev. J. W. Love.

Synodical Board of Missions.

For *five years*, Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher; *four years*, J. H. Prugh; *three years*, Rev. F. B. Hahn; *two years*, Rev. C. U. Heilman; *one year*, Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Jos. H. Apple.

Board of Visitors to Seminary.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, Jos. H. Apple, D. D.

S. S. Board.

Rev. J. W. Pontious, A. A. Black, S. T. Wagner, J. M. Souder, D. H. Leader.

Publication Board.

Rev. J. W. Love, B. Wolff, Jr.

Synodical Editor.

Rev. D. B. Lady.

Church Extension Board.

Five years, Rev. S. Z. Beam ; *four years*, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher ; *three years*, Rev. J. H. Apple, D. D. ; *two years*, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh ; *one year*, Elder T. J. Craig.

ARTICLE XXI.

GOVERNMENT.

As seen under Article VIII, the committee appointed at the Synod of Greensburg reported, and their report was adopted, by which action Synod created a *Church Extension Board*, which was elected as stated in the preceding article.

Order to the Clerks of Classes.

Resolved, That the stated clerks of the Classes hereafter furnish the Clerk of the Synod with a roll of the Classis ten days prior to the meeting of Synod.

To Pastors and Consistories.

Resolved, That the Pastors and Consistories of this Synod be and are hereby directed to urge upon members moving into other charges to take their certificates of dismissal with them, and the pastors into whose bounds they move, be informed of such removals.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Reporters.

Revs. R. C. Bowling, D. B. Lady, and J. M. Schick were appointed Reporters for the Pittsburgh papers and the *Greensburg Daily*.

Gavel.

Rev. Josiah May presented to Synod a handsome gavel, for which Synod voted thanks to the donor.

Leave of Absence.

Revs. R. C. Bowling, J. Dotterer and Elder Levi Bortz were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, with plenary power to excuse. Near the close of the sessions this committee reported having excused the following persons as stated : Elder P. J. Shoemaker and Rev. Josiah May, Saturday P. M. ; Elders Samuel Banrdt, A. G. Apple, from Saturday P. M. to the close of sessions ; George Doverspike, from Monday during remainder of sessions ; also Elders Jac. Byers, C. Poschman, Jno. Glotfelty, C. Werner, Daniel Hale, Wm. Ellenberger, A. O. Eberhart, Joseph Smith, Michael Meyers ; also Revs. J. W. Alspach, T. F. Stauffer, J. J. Pennepacker, A. J. Whitmore, and C. Gumbert. Revs. J. Ruhl and D. G. Klein were excused by Synod. Others are reported in the action for the report of Committee on Overtures. Those parties not present, and having sent no request to be excused, are referred to their several Classes.

F. and M. College.

WHEREAS, Special efforts are now made to increase the Endowment Fund of F. and M. College, and to erect necessary additional buildings, and WHEREAS, this effort is to culminate with A. D., 1887, when the Centennial of Marshall College will be celebrated, and WHEREAS, the Alumni are now engaged in completing the Endowment Fund of \$25,000 for Professorship of English Literature, for which the sum of \$15,000 is needed: Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Synod commends this object to pastors and consistories for co-operation.

Prohibition.

Resolved, That this Synod asks all the State Senators and Representatives within its bounds to work and vote for the submission of a Constitutional Amendment for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage within the state of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That we send a copy of this resolution to the above named persons.

Instruction to the Classes.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod be directed to secure by mortgage to the Church Extension Board all moneys collected in their congregations for the building of Missionary churches.

Committee on the New Constitution.

Resolved, That the Committee on the New Constitution appointed at the Synod of Greensburg be continued, and requested to report at the next meeting of Synod; and that Rev. Dr. J. H. Apple be added to the committee. Revs. C. U. Heilman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, J. W. Love, F. Pilgram, Rev. Dr. J. H. Apple and Elder T. S. Craig constitute the committee.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Thanks Voted.

Resolved, That this Synod tenders hearty thanks to Elder Jac. Brinker, the members of Trinity church, Red Bank charge, and others, for the hospitable entertainment afforded its members during our sessions. Sincere thanks are also tendered the A. V. Railroad Company for the favor of excursion rates to the members of Synod. The roll was called and none present during any of the sessions were found absent without excuse. The record of Monday's sessions was read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Pittsburgh Synod adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M., September 25th, A. D., 1882, to meet in general convention in Trinity Reformed church, Kittanning, Pa., Wednesday, September 26th, A. D. 1883, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the Creed, Gloria in Excelsis, the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and Benediction.

FREDERICK PILGRAM, *President*.
H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original record.

H. F. KEENER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregat. #.	Baptisms			Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erease of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	Uncon- firmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.										Benev. Purp. #.	Congl. Purp. #.	
Jacob F. Snyder,	2 Emmanuel,	2	353	250	34	1	34	8	342	9	1	8	2	170		\$240 00	\$1000 00	Manor Dale, Westmor'd Co., Pa.
John W. Love,	3 Second, Greensburg,	3	307	280	15	4	26	15	290	5	15	7	2	205		260 00	6750 00	" "
David B. Lady,	2 Brush Creek,	2	522	450	44		28	10	490	26	41	16	2	230	2	371 00	1100 00	" "
Samuel Z. Beam,	3 Mt. Pleasant,	3	212	116	14		3	19	192	8		5	3	120	1	155 00	900 00	" "
Cyrus R. Diefenbacher,	2 First, Greensburg,	2	520	425	43	2	15	22	470	10	1	17	2	300	1	280 00	1500 00	" "
Benjamin B. Ferer,	3 Pleasant Unity,	3	345	263	20	1	20	13	320	2		3	3	295		248 00	1367 00	" "
John Dotterer,	1 Pine Run,	1	134	134	10	1	7	132	3		2	3	1	144		105 16	742 82	" "
Albert E. Truxal,	1 Irwin,	1	250	140	32		23	16	214	2		8	1	140		179 60	2187 18	" "
Wm. H. Bates,	1 Johnstown,	1	77	72	20		4	15	58	4		3	1	120		100 00	425 00	" "
S. H. Eisenberg,	2 Latrobe,	2	135	80	10		4	18	120	6		4	1	75		50 00	635 00	" "
Andrew W. J. Best,	1 Scott Dale,	1	43	32		1	1	31	4			1	1	60		35 65	200 00	" "
Albert A. Black,	2 Salem,	2	215	108	14		2	3	205	10		1	1	80		120 00	1075 00	" "
Sup. by A. A. Black,	1 St. James,	1	80	30	6		2	18	79	3		1	1	80		17 50	275 00	" "
" " & Dotterer,	1 Salina,	1	28	30	4		2		28				1			19 00		" "
Lucian Cort,	Princ'l, Gr. Fem. Sem																	" "
John McConnell,	Without charge.																	" "
James Grant,	" "																	" "
Charles W. Good,	" "																	" "
		25	3221	2482	267	10	181	157	2988	95	60	73	22	1999	4	\$2180 91	\$18,077 00.	

Total, 16

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Infants.	Adults.											Benef.	Congr. Purp.	
D. S. Diefenbacher,	2 Kittanning,	273	211	12	1	13	12	226	10		24	4	2	135	1	\$248 00	\$903 00	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., "
John Wolbach,	2 Paradise,	355	321	39				234	1			9	2	130		157 00	810 00	Troutville, Clearfield " "
Alpha K. Kline,	3 Plum Creek,	242	200	2	4	15	4	216	2		5	4	2	220		263 00	570 00	Elderton, Armstrong " "
W. C. B. Shulenberger,	1 St. Petersburg,	267	190	22		40	2	243	6		12	5	1	140	1	190 00	1800 00	St. Petersburg, Clarion " "
John M. Evans,	4 Curllsville,	277	257	14		14	6	265	3		6	3	4	196		269 00	402 00	Curllsville, Clarion " "
Geo. A. Whitmore,	3 St. John's,	159	170	13	2	2	1	159			11	6	3	150		77 00	400 00	Dayton, Armstrong " "
R. C. Bowling,	2 Emlenton,	182	110	15	1	11	17	172				0	2	170		148 00	1025 00	Emlenton, Venango " "
J. F. Wiant,	2 Beaver,	810	224	40	2	22	19	249	5			11	2	230	1	224 00	680 00	Monroe, Clarion " "
Daniel H. Leader,	2 Du Bois,	32	27	1			10	24				1	1	18		11 00	132 00	Du Bois, Clearfield " "
Jacob S. Hartzell,*	3 South Bend,	206	164	4			3	170	1		25	2	3	171		67 00	407 00	Girty, Armstrong " "
C. G. Klein,	3 Tionesta,	50	40	3		2		41				2				13 00	108 00	Venus, Venango " "
C. W. E. Seigel,	1 Hontisdale,	30																Phillipsburg, " "
Vacant,	4 Red Bank,	345	170	8			1	125				3	2	150		21 00		
Vacant,	4 Jefferson,	150	120					129										
Vacant,	1 Cookport, Miss.,	21		4	4	9		20										
W. C. Hout,	Without charge,																	Lineville, Venango " "
J. J. Pennepecker,	Prin. C. C. Inst.																	Rimersburg, Clarion " "
Total, 14.		2899	2204	177	14	128	75	2273	28		103	43	24	1710	8	\$1688 00	\$7287 00	

*Entered the Charge March, 1882.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Excom. of Names.	Deaths.	Schools.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.										Benef.	Local.	
D. R. Leberman,	2 Mendville,	272	185	20	2	6	11	254	6		10	2	285		\$266 00	\$1073 00	00 Mendville, Crawford Co., Pa.
Jos. H. Apple,	2 Saggertown,	200	150	9	1	2	6	160			6	2	72	2	203 00	700 00	" Saggertown, "
J. W. Poulous,	4 Zion's,	213	133	17	2	13	8	195			9	4	202		141 00	689 00	" Cochranston, "
R. Pilgram,	4 Shenango,	516	327	33	3	47	5	410			12	3	375		400 00	1000 00	" Greenville, Mercer "
F. B. Hahn,	2 Greenville,	303	270	30	2	14	13	260	10		4	2	270		160 00	1000 00	" Greenville, "
Elias Ed. Gruenstein,	2 Sharon,	195	150	4				165			3	2	130		13 00		" Sharon, "
Vacant. Report of last y'r.	2 Mercer,	144	65					115					75				" "
Total, 7		1843	1280	113	10	82	43	1559	15		43	17	1389		2\$1183 00	\$4462 00	

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Excom. of Names.	Deaths.	Schools.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
				Infants.	Adults.											Benef.	Local Purp. n.		
Benjamin Knepper,	4 Wellersburg,	158	160	24	4	29	29	119	7			6	2	60		\$61 00	\$300 00	Wellersburg, Somerset Co., Pa.	
H. F. Keener,	5 Zion,	381	291	24	5	26	8	350	12			8	5	226		247 28	910 40	" Berlin, "	
John Kuhl,	1 Frostburg,	230	200	22	1	23		230				10	2	165		133 41	810 39	" Frostburg, Md.	
F. R. Schwedes,	1 Cumberland,	175	112	23	2	10	18	160	2			5	1	100	1	3 00	750 00	" Cumberland, Md.	
Calvin C. Heliman,	4 Paradise,	450	312	42	5	46	12	355	9			9	5	460		40,755 00	5160 00	" Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.	
S. R. Brudenbaugh.	1 Berlin,	290	195	18	2	18	17	260	9			3	4	185		350 00	900 00	" Berlin, "	
John S. Wagner.	5 Stoyestown,	239	152	17	4	10	3	203	11			9	3	115	1	234 00	715 00	" Stoyestown, " "	
Wm. W. Dearick,	3 Centerville,	186	98	3	1	18	9	144	2			6	3	135	2	263 00	614 00	" Glade, " "	
Sam'l. T. Wagner,	4 Mills' Creek,	193	149	24	1	5	7	177	2			4	3	110	3	129 00	783 00	" Wittenberg, " "	
Moses H. Diefenderfer,	4 Beam,	240	128	7	2	2	9	196	2				2	160		214 00	1011 00	" Jenner X Roads Somerset Co Pa	
Hiram King,	2 Somerset,	148	90	9		1	18	125	4			4	2	100		127 50	686 00	" Somerset, " "	
John M. Schick,	2 Meyersdale,	288	168	21	2	14	24	260	5			3	1	125		236 49	681 38	" Meyersdale, " "	
Total, 12.		2978	2055	234	27	207	125	2579	65			19	76	30	1941	4	42,753 68	13,381 17	

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat'ns.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benef. Purp's.	Cong'g Purp's.		
T. F. Stauffer,	1	Butler,	99	64	9	2	14	6	90	1			2	1	139			\$88 00	\$500 00	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
F. A. Edmonds,	2	Harmony,	293	125	22	7	14	4	260			3	9	1	277			280 00	1100 00	Baldwin, Butler Co., "
J. W. Alspach,	2	Fairview,	263	206	14	2	15	7	218	3		8	4	2	196			185 88	1109 00	McKeesport, "
H. D. Darbaker, *																				Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
Charles Knepper,																				Mansfield, Allegheny Co., Pa.
J. M. Souder,	1	New Castle,	47	26	3		1	2	28			2	2	1	25			19 00	450 00	New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
J. W. Knappenberger,	1	Zion's,	62	43	6		2	4	47					1	60			19 00	770 72	East End, Pittsburgh, "
" " Supply.	1	Trinity,	49	50			1	8	40			14	2	1	88		2	16 84	520 00	" "
C. Gumbert,	1	Sugar Creek,	185	155	13	1	4	8	166	3			2	1	82			81 00	975 00	Adams, Armstrong Co., "
J. H. Prugh,	1	Grace,	200	93	6		12	28	180	7		1	5	1	81			600 00	9000 00	Pittsburgh, Butler Co., "
J. May,	1	Henshaw,	136	75	16		21	10	96	6			7	1	50			13 52	358 00	Buttercup, Butler Co., "
P. C. Prugh,		Ophans' Home,																		Butler, Butler Co., "
Total, 11.	11		1334	837	89	12	84	77	1185	20		26	33	10	998	2		\$1303 24	\$15,792 00	

* Principal of Harmony Collegiate Institute.

SUMMARY FOR 1882.

Pittsburgh Synod.

CLASSES.	Minist.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Resures of N.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Westmoreland, - - -	16	25	3,221	2,482	267	10	181	157	2,971	95		60	73	22	1,999	4	\$2,180 91	\$18,077 00
Clarion, - - -	14	37	2,889	2,204	177	14	128	75	2,273	28		103	43	24	1,710	3	1,688 00	7,287 00
St. Paul, - - -	6	18	1,843	1,281	113	10	128	43	1,559	15		19	43	17	1,389	2	1,183 00	4,462 00
Somerset, - - -	12	36	2,978	2,055	234	27	202	125	2,579	65		26	76	30	1,941	4	42,753 68	13,381 17
Allegheny, - - -	10	11	1,334	837	89	12	84	77	1,185	20		26	33	10	998	2	1,303 24	15,729 97
Total, 5 Classes, -	58	127	12,275	8,858	860	73	723	477	10,567	223		208	268	103	8,037	15	\$49,108 83	\$58,936 89
Synod of the United States, 9 Classes,	215	449	69,816	40,080	5,810	395	3,941	1,397	55,331	722	2	521	2,806	522	42,696	48	37,956 17	291,426 16
Synod of Ohio, - 10 do	140	285	18,897	7,871	744	402	965	656	15,080	273	13	484	363	219	15,931	12	11,724 00	104,568 00
Synod of the North West, 8 do	110	146	13,249	9,663	1,168	30	969	834	10,077	170	30	266	388	124	7,260	20	7,658 00	51,423 00
Synod of the Potomac, 9 do	132	272	28,122	18,732	1,976	212	1,340	570	23,444	401	3	239	756	241	18,115	16	14,178 46	121,938 41
German Synod of the East, 5 do	42	37	9,469	6,048	1,744	20	701	430	7,536	53	3	214	447	37	6,377	3	5,349 00	58,259 00
Central Synod, - 4 do	70	116	14,750	10,057	1,129	31	893	583	11,400	96	5	171	693	98	8,940	14	7,927 00	64,198 00
Grand total, 7 Dist Synods; 50 Classes,	767	1,432	166,578	101,309	13,431	1,163	9,532	4,947	133,436	1,938	56	2,103	5,721	1,344	107,856	128	\$133,901 46	\$745,749 46

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